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## STATE BOARD ADOPTS RECORD BUDGET

**DR. McCALL AND ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS RE-ELECTED  
Dr. J. D. Ray Is Chairman, Dr. J. W. Landrum Secretary  
Of Executive Committee**

At its annual December meeting, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board re-elected Executive Secretary Dr. D. A. McCall and all staff workers and adopted a record State Mission budget of \$230,167.

Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville was re-elected president of the Convention Board. Other officers elected were: Rev. G. O. Parker, vice-president; Dr. John W. Landrum, secretary and Rev. Robert W. Martin, assistant secretary.

As directed by the recent state convention the budget allocations were set up to send 50 percent of Cooperative Program receipts to Southwide and world-wide causes and 50 percent for state work.

The fifty percent for state causes will be divided as follows: State Missions 20 1/2 percent; Christian Edu-

cation 20; Orphanage 4; Ministerial Education 2; Baptist Foundation 1 1/2; Baptist Hospital 1; Radio 1.

The 20 percent for Christian education will be divided on the following basis; Mississippi College 35 per cent; Blue Mountain College 25; Woman's College 20 and Clarke College 20.

Elected to the Executive Committee were: Dr. J. D. Ray, Starkville; Rev. C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen; Rev. H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs; H. A. Scott, Tylertown; Rev. M. D. Morton, Crystal Springs; Dr. F. K. Horton, Clarksdale; Rev. Wayne Alliston, Florence, and Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman.

### Building Aid Upped \$15,000

Showing its sympathy with the many churches over the state that are planning larger and better church plants, the Board raised the Church Building Aid fund from \$25,000 which was suggested by the Budget Committee to \$40,000. The added \$15,000 is to be drawn from the Reserve Fund.

The committee composed of Rev. J. R. Davis, New Albany, Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus and Rev. C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen reported that they were not yet ready to recommend anyone for the position of treasurer but hoped to be able to do so within a few weeks.

The following were re-elected for the coming year: Dr. William P. Davis, Associate Executive Secretary; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the Baptist Record; Dr. E. C. Williams, Sunday School secretary; Auber J. Wilds, Training Union secretary; Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, secretary of Rural Church Work; Dr. W. L. Holcomb, secretary of the Department of Temperance Activities; Rev. J. B. Parker, director of visitation; W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood secretary; Charles Horner, Baptist Student Union secretary.

As instructed by the Convention a Baptist Record Advisory committee was elected composed of the following members: Dr. W. Douglass Hudgins, Jackson, chairman; Purser Hewitt, Jackson; Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni; Rev. Joe Abrams, Shuqualak; Rev. J. H. Street, Laurel.

In accordance with Convention Board instructions an exact copy of the minutes is to be printed in the Baptist Record. Due to lack of space approximately one-half will be printed in this issue and the remainder in the following issue.

The minutes follow:

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## State Training Union Convention To Meet In Jackson, December 29 MR. AND MRS. JERRY LAMBDIN OUT-OF-STATE SPEAKERS Mrs. Bethel Ferguson to Present an Original Pantomime

Plans have been completed for the annual State Training Union Convention to be held in Jackson December 29-30 according to an announcement by Auber J. Wilds, State Training Union secretary.

The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, December 29. Sessions will also be held Thursday afternoon, and evening and on Friday morning with adjournment scheduled for one o'clock Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lambdin, Southwide Training Union workers will be the out-of-speakers and will also lead conference periods.

All hotel reservations should be made by individuals planning to use hotel accommodations. Those desiring over night entertainment in homes at \$1.00 per person will please write Mrs. Lewis Yarbrough, Box 1137,

Jackson, Miss., saying how many men or boys and how many women or girls desire this service.

### Ensemble and Hymn Playing Festivals December 29-30

Registrations are coming in right along for the ensembles and hymn players for the state festival. Rules and regulations have been mailed to all of those who participated in the district festivals, and any ensemble or hymn player not receiving the materials will make request immediately. Send your request to the Music Section of Training, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. It is hoped that all of those who are qualified, will take this

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## GUEST SPEAKERS FOR BTU CONVENTION



J. E. LAMBDIN



MRS. J. E. LAMBDIN

Two weeks from today hundreds of enthusiastic members of training unions, and friends from a few churches that have no union will be in Jackson, First Baptist Church, attending the State Baptist Training Union Convention. Thursday the 29th the convention opens at 10 o'clock, presided over by President L. G. Sansing, pastor Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. W. C. Morgan of the State Training Union Department will be in charge of the music. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin of Nashville will be guest speakers and conference leaders from out of the state, Miss Edna Labbous, Student in training, Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Miss., will bring the closing message of the convention, Mrs. L. R. Alford, Scooba, will illustrate with chalk drawings three hymns, and Mrs. Bethel Ferguson of Jackson will present in pantomime a three division demonstration showing the devotional life of a Christian family, subject, "My Family and I." The creation of this feature is original with Mrs. Ferguson and will be presented by a group she has enlisted to help her. The entire afternoon Thursday and the first hour and quarter Friday morning will be given to sectional meetings. You read last week and the week before the outline of the general sessions and also of the Young People's division.

## STUDENTS SEND RELIEF TO EUROPEAN BAPTISTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The generous response to a recent appeal for good used clothing deserves grateful appreciation, reports William Hall Preston, associate in the Baptist Student Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Two boxes each have gone out to the Baptist Orphanage in Rome, Italy; the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland;

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## K. Z. STEVENS TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR Note Change in Stations

Rev. K. Z. Stevens, pastor of East End Church, Columbus, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday, December 18.

Due to the fact that funds for next year's operation are very limited, the Radio Committee, in order to conserve funds, has arranged to carry the program over three larger stations, rather than over the many smaller stations. Therefore, beginning on December 18, the program will be heard at 8:00 a. m., as follows: WHBQ, Memphis, a 560 on the dial, will serve north Mississippi; WRBC, Jackson, at 620, will serve central Mississippi, and WRJW, Picayune, at 1320, south Mississippi.

The program will continue to be heard at 2:00 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson, until the expiration of the present contract.

# CIRCULATION THIS WEEK 65,721



## Orphanage Children Listed By Ages

We are happy to list the names and ages of all the boys and girls in the Baptist Orphanage family. If your Sunday School Class, your W. M. U., your B. T. U., your Y. W. A., your G. A., your R. A., or your Brotherhood wants to remember a group, or a child, at this Christmas Season select the name, or names, wrap and tag, with name on tag. If any group should want to remember an entire building put building name on package. Each building has their own Christmas tree and by packages being properly wrapped and tagged they are sent from the Office to the building and the children will have the joy and delight on Christmas morning of opening their packages. We know your Christmas will be a happier one for remembering these 'your' children.

### CARTER BUILDING (GIRLS)

Sadie Lea Baber, 20; Wilma Louise Bates, 18; Madge Bryan, 17; Madine Bryan, 14; Fern Byrd, 14; Owana Lee, 14; Barbara O'Brian, 16; Nina Jean Oglesby, 17; dna Earl Penton, 15; Mary Jo Pittinger, 14; Maxine Pittinger, 17; Marie Rustin, 14; Joyce Simpson, 15; Jean Simpson, 18; Joan Simpson, 19; Betty Strahan, 15; Ollie Mae Warren, 15; Annie Mae Wells, 18; Bobby Earl Westrope, 16; Carolyn Whatley, 14; Patsey Wright, 15; Mancel Yarbrough, 17; Katie Ferguson, 20.

### FOSTER BUILDING (GIRLS)

Carol Jean Bates, 10; Georgia Lou Barlow, 10; Fannie Jo Chain, 7; Hilda Craddock, 9; Mary Kay Fant, 5; Linda Kay Farmer, 4; Mary Sue Gill, 8; Diane Hamilton, 9; Juanita Hamilton, 5; Beryl Hand, 7; Mellie Marie Hesler, 7; Patsey Gail Hesler, 9; Clara Ann Holland, 10; Vera Sue Hutchins, 10; Claudia Jones, 7; Florence Ann Jones, 10; Patsey Jones, 7; Margie Nell Lee, 9; Patsey Ann Martin, 5; Kay and Fay Morrison (twins), 9; Mary Muir, 9; Ann Pittinger, 6; Sandra Power, 6; Dorothy Fay White, 5; Dorothy Woods, 10.

### JENNINGS BUILDING (BOYS)

Charles Bankston, 17; Walter Burrow, 13; Wiley Burrow, 17; Billie Ray Chain, 11; Tommy Chain, 13; Johnnie Elrod, 22; Aubert James Files, 15; Donald Lee Files, 16; Rhuford Farmer, 13; Jimmie Flaherty, 12; Fred Hanberry, 12; Curtis Hancock, 11; James Holland, 16; Glen Earl Holland, 14; Jackie Hutchins, 11; Richard Ketchely, 14; Thadus Jones, 16; Wallace Jones, 14; Jerry Mize, 12; Lennox Oglesby, 19; Glen Oglesby, 20; Melvin Oglesby, 15; Russell Penton, 14; Charles Pettinger, 11; Sammie Rustin, 17; Bennie Ray Rustin, 12; Joe Rustin, 15; Charlie Wells, 12.

### LIPSEY BUILDING (GIRLS)

Bessie Lee Bates, 14; Allene Bridges, 14; Charleen Bridges, 12; Jewell Barlow, 12; Hugh Fay Barlow, 11; Lillian Buchanan, 13; Anna Bell Coker, 14; Ruth Coker, 11; Edith Craddock, 12; Joan Fant, 13; Jean Fant, 12; Aubrey Farmer, 12; Helen Gill, 10; Barbara Hand, 12; Barbara Jean Hanberry, 12; Ruby Nell Hanberry, 11; Rachel Lee, 13; Geraldine Miller, 11; Elizabeth McClendon, 10; Lucy Jane McClellan, 12; Martha Muir, 10; Dixie Nell Penton, 11; Evelyn Power, 11; Carolyn Strahan, 11; Linda VanZant, 12; Earma Jean White, 9; Glean Ann Wells, 15; Hazel Woods, 13; Aubrey Faith Westrope, 13; Homma Dean Warren, 12; Barbara Wright, 14; Nancy Mize, 8.

### MEMORIAL BUILDING (BOYS)

Ray Otis Bates, 8; Thomas Bounds, 4; Lamar Bradshaw, 6; Dennis Burbank, 10; Richard Farmer, 6; Otto Gill, 6;



Governor Fielding L. Wright makes his contribution for overseas hungry through the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP). W. F. Bond, right, state chairman of the Mississippi CROP committee, receives the governor's gift with a smile and assurance that his contribution will be distributed through the church relief agency designated. Local organizations in Mississippi counties are gathering car loads of commodities for shipment to Europe's and Asia's destitute. Churches of all denominations are contributing cash which is used in purchasing additional commodities.

## Reasons For Going To Church

By THEODORE ROOSEVELT

1. A churchless community, where men have abandoned, scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down-grade.
2. Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others.
3. There are enough holidays for most of us. Therefore, on Sundays go to church.
4. Yes, I know all the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in one's own home, just as well as in a church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact that the average man does not thus worship.
5. One may not hear a good sermon at church. One will hear a sermon by a good man who, with his good wife, is engaged all week in making hard lives a little easier.
6. One will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible. If a person is not familiar with the Bible he has suffered a loss.
7. One will take part in singing some good hymns.
8. One will meet and nod or speak to good, quiet neighbors. He will come away feeling a little more charitable toward all the world, even toward those excessively foolish young men who regard church-going as a soft performance.
9. I advocate a man's joining in church work for the sake of showing his faith by his works.

Perry Hamilton, 9; Jimmie Hand, 9; Robert Hand, 5; James Hancock, 8; Jerry Hutchins, 9; Charles Frederick Jones, 6; Henry Jones, 9; Max Lee 11; Sherron Lee, 9; David Limbert, 8; Melvin Limbert, 6; Dallas Wayne Martin, 7; William Earl Martin, 10; John Charles Meany, 11; Harold McClendon, 6; James McClendon, 8; Jimmie Pittinger, 6; Billie Pittman, 4; Ray Stuart, 11; Carl Henry Sullivan, 6; Carroll Sullivan, 12; Kellon Sullivan, 10; Joe Kenneth Vincent, 7; Tommy Wells, 9; Rufus White, 12; Billie Ruth, 8; Thomas Ruth, 6.

## STUDENTS SEND RELIEF

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and to the Baptist Relief Center in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mr. Preston also said that it is interesting to note that the Student Concert Mission group has been able to send the first of three cows (a \$300 check) to the Rome Orphanage, besides having \$400 toward a large washing machine for their Christmas present. The piano fund for the Girls' Training School in Rome, (Miss Virginia Wingo, director) is over \$200. A group of ladies have given a much needed typewriter to the Zurich Seminary and books are now being collected for their library. Arrangements have been made to bring more than a dozen displaced Baptists to America. Shipments of food and clothing have been sent to other needy Europeans.

## Denver Paper 'Startled' By Big Church Affiliation

DENVER, Colo.—(RNS)—Preliminary results of a church census conducted here indicate that three out of every four Denver residents have some sort of church affiliation.

Conducted by the Denver Council of Churches and the National Christian Teaching Mission, the census reveals that about 300,000 persons have present or prospective links with some 346 churches in the city.

The Rocky Mountain News, local daily, said it was "startled" at the high proportion of residents who indicated a church affiliation.

In a story headlined "News Will Tell Story of Denver Churches," the paper declared: "The startling figures disclosed during the past week in the church census of the city give the lie to the contentions of a godless age and declining church influence."

It reported that some quarters believed Denver, with one church for every 1,127 inhabitants, might have "No. 1 per capita ranking for the nation."

About 6,000 volunteers took the census, which was designed to lead local churches to a self-study of their needs, to an expansion of their families and to program enlargement to meet the needs of the population. The census was sponsored by 129 Protestant churches in the city.

## STATE TRAINING UNION

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great opportunity, and be present for these events.

The Large Ensembles (13 or more members) will sing in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, beginning at 11:00 a. m. Thursday. The junior and intermediate hymn playing will be held on Thursday afternoon between 2:00 and 4:30 o'clock. The Small Ensembles (not less than six and not more than 12 members) will sing on Friday morning beginning at 10:45 o'clock.

On Thursday night, December 29, all ensembles, both large and small, will be formed into a large choir or mass chorus, and will sing for the evening session, and will give a concert of special music before the entire convention. Special recognition will be given to superior rating ensembles and hymn players.

The Training Union Convention with the Music Festival promises to be one of the most interesting conventions held in this department. Arrangements are being made, for those who desire to remain overnight, to secure a room in private homes at the rate of \$1.00 per person per night. All will join in prayer for the convention.

The program follows:

General session:

### Thursday Morning

- 10:00—Reading of Scripture in unison, Prayer, Song.
- 10:15—President's Message—L. G. Sansing.
- 10:45—Recognitions and appointment of committees.
- 10:55—Large Ensembles.
- 11:45—Illustrated Song, Mrs. L. R. Alford.
- 11:55—1950 Theme "In Christ is God's Everlasting Yes," J. E. Lambdin.
- 12:25—Adjourn for lunch.

### Afternoon

- 2:00—5:00 Department Assemblies.

### Evening

- 7:00—Reading the Scripture in Unison, Prayer, Song.
- 7:10—Congregational Singing, congregation selecting the songs.
- 7:30—"My Family and I," Drama in Pantomime—Mrs. Bethel Ferguson.
- 7:40—Illustrated Song, Mrs. L. R. Alford.
- 7:50—"Wanted, A Leader"—Mrs. J. E. Lambdin.
- 8:20—Music Festival, Mass Chorus.
- 8:50—Dedication prayer.

### Friday Morning

- 9:00-10:15—Department Assemblies.
- 10:30—Reading the Scripture in Unison, Prayer, Song.
- 10:40—Report of Committees.
- 10:45—Small Ensembles.
- 11:30—Demonstration by representatives of all contests.
- 12:30—"Do Unto Others as Ye would Have Others Do Unto You," Miss Edna Labbous.
- 1:00—Adjourn in Friendship Circle.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION OF THE CONVENTION

### Thursday Afternoon

- 2:00—Department Assembly Program.
- 2:15—Announcements and Introductions.
- 2:20—Conference period.
- 3:40—Congregational Singing.
- 3:45—"Standard Union," J. E. Lambdin.
- 4:05—Question and Answer period.

### Friday Morning

- 9:00—Department Assembly Program.
- 9:15—The Speakers Tournament.



## Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

I

The minutes of the Convention Board at this time have not been typed and put in our hands. The State Mission budget is the largest in the history of Mississippi Baptist life. That we know to be true. The basic budget figure was right at \$213,000. In addition to that \$15,000 additional help for building aid was voted by the Convention Board. The brethren realized that a flood of postwar church building was taking place. While the churches had a mind to build they should be helped with money on hand. In addition to that, \$5,000 was voted to each of three college churches located at Wesson, Hattiesburg, and Summit. These and some smaller items were voted from the State Mission surplus now on hand or held in a \$50,000 State Mission Reserve account. It was felt that Mississippi Baptists did not give these monies to rest in a cold bank account but rather to help in the work of Christ as needed.

II

The preaching and promotional or so-called "overhead" expense in Mississippi Baptist Convention Board life is pictured in the following figures:

1939	\$ 34,341.14
1940	42,087.03
1941	43,276.80
1942	32,489.67
1943	36,997.17
1944	32,205.41
1945	40,248.77
1946	40,478.95
1947	46,734.54
1948	51,177.36
1949	82,599.14
1950	109,675.00

For the first few years not only was the Convention Board office expense along with promotional expense included but W. M. U. office expense, losses on the Baptist Record, and Christian Education debt paying expenses were included. Considering that these five items were included from about 1939 to 1942 and 1946 it is amazing that the figures were kept so low. Along with others we slaved and served and sweated and saved to keep these overhead figures low. In 1942 we got rid of Baptist Record losses that had been carried in this item. In 1946 we got rid of debt paying campaign expenses.

Through 1947, despite great expansion in our work which called for extra bookkeepers and extra promotional expense, we still kept the figure comparatively low.

Then some wanted to introduce some things which they believed to be economies. Changes were made. In 1948, for the first time, overhead went above the \$50,000 mark. More radical changes were made that cost Mississippi Baptists \$31,000 in overhead expense. Despite the costs the changes tasted good to a few people and others went along for the sake of harmony. Other changes were made and a pattern set that jumped overhead \$27,000 more in budgeted items for 1950.

Let us say that the budget committees are not responsible for they had to follow the pattern set.

It is heartbreaking to us after we had slaved away through the years keeping this item at a comparatively low figure.

The one optimistic thing to us is that the Convention Board manifested a strong sensible spirit which we believe will in another year start reducing this altogether too high overhead figure. It can be done. It should be done in the spirit of Christ. While we were for keeping this figure low, we were for keeping State Mission support at the highest possible level in meeting the needs and calls all about us. We were also in favor of the largest possible monies flow-

ing to all other causes.

III

I want to humbly, happily and gratefully express appreciation to the Convention Board members as I think of being re-elected as Executive Secretary for the twelfth year. I stated repeatedly to the Convention Board: first, that I was not a candidate for the position; and, second, that they go ahead and nominate and elect someone else. I told them later in the meeting I loved them for the magnanimous way they had acted in the matter. I shall try to continue to be faithful in the future as in the past. If God continues to bless His work, saving the lost, and making the saved to be good and true, I will be happy. He will do that as He is allowed right-of-way in the hearts of all His people!

IV

In challenging the Convention Board not to violate the beautiful spirit manifested Tuesday evening in the Mississippi Baptist Convention we reminded them that divisions have too often hounded Mississippi Baptist life. It was noted that years ago we sat until midnight and past in a Convention session at First Baptist Church, Canton. The debate continued. Some years later the Convention met in Philadelphia where squabbling over college issues continued. We were not at the famous Newton Convention years ago but attendants told us it was a rough affair with the Orphanage as the issue. Some laymen told us because of that session they never intended to attend another session of the Convention. We did not attend a Tupelo Convention years ago but we heard bitter reflections from it. A great layman from Jones County wrote us the other day he was glad a Christian spirit characterized the recent Convention rather than the spirit of strife that characterized a Laurel Convention a number of years ago.

We stated to the Board that for twenty-three years as a pastor we never made a motion nor seconded a motion nor did we speak to a motion on the floor of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The reason being that we had so often times seen much that was not in the spirit of Christ manifest on that floor.

Some may laugh over the vulgar story about animals fighting but just the same Jesus did not bathe His body in His own blood on the Cross for His people to act that way. Read all of I Corinthians.

One thing that has put a song in our hearts for eight or nine years of these eleven years has been the fact that for eight or nine of the eleven years we have seen a love, a harmony, and co-operation in Mississippi Baptist life we had not seen for any length of time in the past. That is one big reason God has blessed us over and over again. His Book again and again classifies hate and similar sins along with liquor, license and other egregious sins. Read all five chapters of I John.

V

We have been privileged to hear Rev. Waddell Valentine in two sermons within recent days. He is a strong preacher and proving to be one of our best church leaders. His people give him good support and are a cordial group.

We are indebted to them for sending us to the Mississippi Baptist Convention as an accredited messenger.

We are also indebted to Dr. D. M. Nelson for whom we held a proxy from the Clinton Church as he asked us to exercise our proxy in sitting in for him as a messenger. Thus we had double credentials and that is one too many for anybody.

VI

I John, Chapter 3

More joy: we shall some day be like

## VARDAMAN DEDICATES BUILDING DEBT-FREE



Vardaman Church dedicated its church building debt-free on November 27.

At the dedication service, J. R. McCord gave a history of the church. Rev. J. S. Dorroh, who was the first to begin work on the idea of having a new church, delivered the message, "The Church Covenant." The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Carmon Savell, under whose pastorate the building was actually constructed. The church debt has been paid off under the ministry of the present pastor, Rev. L. F. Haire, who led in the dedication ceremony.

Jesus—we should favor Him now! Do not sin but if we do He came to take away sin. (These five chapters written to Christians). We do not sin as we continue in Him! Love of the brother a proof of regeneration and a fruit thereof! Read closely verses 16-24.

Read closely chapters 4-5 for yourself. They will refresh and strengthen you!

## Magnolia Ordains James Pierce, Three Deacons

On November 26, Magnolia Church met to examine and ordain James Pierce for the ministry, and three of their men, Jake Overstreet, Henry Overstreet, Jack Carnley, as deacons. A presbytery was composed of Wallace Harrell, county missionary; Ernest Steelman, pastor, Eastside Church, Pascagoula; Burnis Parker, Walnut Grove.

Mr. Harrell served as moderator lead the questioning; Mr. Parker as clerk.

During the ordination, Mr. Harrell brought the ordination message, Mr. Parker presented the Bible, and Mr. Steelman led in the ordination prayer. After the laying on of hands by the ordained ministers present, Mr. Pierce closed the meeting with prayer.

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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAPTISTS reported 1323 baptisms, a gain over last year. Rev. Frank Burrell was elected as president.

## BAPTISTS IN BIG BUSINESS FOR CHRIST

RECEIPTS BY STATES  
January - November, 1949

Executive Committee Southern Baptist Convention  
Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary

	Program	Designated	TOTAL
Specials	\$ 8,610.11	\$ 5,463.69	\$ 14,073.80
Alabama	291,881.28	162,205.29	454,086.57
Arizona	15,834.92	7,266.68	23,101.60
Arkansas	211,611.17	123,175.48	334,786.65
California	12,306.32	11,044.79	23,351.11
District of Columbia	27,762.79	13,496.98	41,259.77
Florida	290,276.48	128,052.09	418,328.57
Georgia	389,122.75	241,638.14	630,760.89
Illinois	86,923.54	36,053.53	122,977.07
Kansas	1,529.86	600.20	2,130.06
Kentucky	392,889.99	136,498.50	529,388.49
Louisiana	196,962.23	124,289.84	321,252.07
Maryland	49,851.32	—	49,851.32
Mississippi	272,748.84	153,610.03	426,358.87
Missouri	315,704.61	145,156.59	460,861.20
New Mexico	36,457.54	28,980.61	65,438.15
North Carolina	512,788.71	361,986.43	874,775.14
Oklahoma	255,879.41	139,576.38	395,455.79
Oregon	1,209.26	446.23	1,655.49
South Carolina	515,113.59	201,321.79	716,435.38
Tennessee	533,932.21	160,420.64	694,352.85
Texas	916,666.67	905,088.82	1,821,755.49
Virginia	460,269.52	—	460,269.52
TOTAL	\$5,796,333.12	\$3,086,372.73	\$8,882,705.85

NOTE: You will see here that all the states are cooperating in a fine way in giving the gospel to the whole world. In the above picture we have receipts in the S. B. C. Executive Committee office in Nashville as these receipts come from all the states for the period January-November, 1949. Mississippi stands tenth in the list, having sent in nearly one-half million dollars. At the same time several hundred thousand dollars were going into the work of Christ throughout Mississippi.

These and other offerings are channeled through the Convention Board office, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

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We do not use unsigned communications

## The Board Meeting

On page one will be found an  
account of the recent meeting of  
the Baptist Convention Board.

From many sources we have  
heard expressions of appreciation  
of the faithful work of the Board  
members.

Not all got ALL they desired,  
but there was a genuine effort to  
do the most with what we had.

In the next issue we plan to give  
an explanation of the various ac-  
tions of the Convention Board.

—BR—

## A Good Plan

We want to congratulate the  
Budget and Allocations Commit-  
tee for distributing mimeographed  
copies of the proposed budgets and  
giving the Board members oppor-  
tunity to look them over. In times  
past they have sometimes been  
distributed and voted upon im-  
mediately. Then later on some-  
body thought of something that  
should have been included or  
something that should have been  
deleted.

The point is, let the brethren  
look over what they are asked to  
O.K. and then decide without be-  
ing rushed.

WE CONGRATULATE THE  
COMMITTEE.

—BR—

## Anniversary Gifts Continue To Arrive

Interest continues to grow in the  
Anniversary gifts in celebration of  
Editor Goodrich's fifteenth year  
with the Baptist Record.

The latest gifts to arrive was a  
club of four units (66) subscrip-  
tions from a prominent dentist  
of Jackson who plans to add 66  
names to the 34 already being paid  
for by him. Desiring to do some-

thing to help the Negro Baptists  
of Mississippi, this prominent Bap-  
tist layman is sending the Record  
to 100 Negro Baptists.

Other clubs are being received  
daily and if they continue to come  
at the present rate the goal of  
66,000 will be reached by January  
1.

Churches, pastors and individ-  
uals are being urged to send clubs  
of 15 new subscriptions in celebra-  
tion of fifteen years service with  
the Baptist Record by the editor,  
A. L. Goodrich. Some are sending  
\$0 names which counts as two  
gifts and some as the doctor men-  
tioned above are sending three  
and four units of 15.

The celebration will continue  
until January 1 and the goal is  
66,000 circulation by that time.

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## Remember The Pastor

Most churches do but for the  
few that forgot at Christmas 1947,  
we suggest that Christmas present  
to your pastor would be most ap-  
propriate.

And not only should churches do  
as suggested above, but many  
families should include the pastor  
on their Christmas list.

One present from each family in  
your church would mean much to  
many pastors.

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## Add To Your Christmas List

Most people, at this time of the  
year, are thinking about what to  
give for Christmas presents and  
to whom to give Christmas pres-  
ents. May we suggest one person  
who deserves one and who would  
greatly appreciate one—the pas-  
tor.

At this Christmas season we  
suggest that each family take some  
token of love to the pastor. We  
are not thinking of something ex-  
pensive but a love gift. Nor are  
we suggesting that the church  
make an offering among the mem-  
bers. This should be done in many  
cases. But it would make the giv-  
ers happy and bring an expression  
of joy to the faces of pastors if  
the families of his church would  
give some simple present as an  
expression of their love and appre-  
ciation.

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## 50-50 Means 10 Per Cent More

Baptists throughout Mississippi  
will largely approve the recent ac-  
tion of the State Convention and  
the State Convention Board in vot-  
ing a 50-50 division of Cooperative  
Program Funds. The term "50-50"  
means that 50 percent of the Co-  
operative Program receipts are to  
be used in Mississippi and 50 per-  
cent to Southwide Causes.

Last year the division was 45-55.

This means that 55 percent was  
kept in Mississippi and 45 sent for  
Southwide causes.

Now that the division is 50-50,  
it will be necessary for us either  
to give more in order that State  
work may receive as much, or else  
State work will not get as much as  
in the past.

To be exact it will be necessary  
for our churches to give 10 percent  
more in order that State work  
may receive as much as in the  
past. Last year if a church gave  
\$100, \$55 was kept in Mississippi.  
This year in order for State work  
to receive \$55, it will be necessary  
for that church to give \$110, in-  
stead of \$100.

We urge every church and ev-  
ery individual to add 10 percent  
to gifts for the Cooperative Pro-  
gram and in that way a little  
more will go to Southwide causes  
and at least the same amount to  
State causes.

In other words in going to 50-50,  
let us not penalize State work.  
Make it at least 10 percent more.

—BR—

## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we  
consider one of the best editorials  
coming to our attention.—  
Editor.

## Mixed Marriages And Divorces

Judson T. Landis, sociologist of  
Michigan State College, has made a  
three-year survey of marriages be-  
tween Catholics and Protestants. This  
survey reveals that 14.1 per cent of  
mixed Catholic-Protestant marriages  
end in divorce, or separation, as com-  
pared with five per cent of non-mixed  
marriages. That means that almost  
three times as many Catholic-Protes-  
tant marriages go on the rocks as non-  
mixed marriages.

A further study of the statistics on  
Catholic-Protestant marriages re-  
veals that Protestant women and  
Catholic men are three times as apt  
to end in divorce courts as with Cath-  
olic women and Protestant men.

The major cause of marital friction  
between Catholic and Protestants, ac-  
cording to the Landis survey, is the  
unscriptural and inhuman demand  
of the Catholic church that Protes-  
tants marrying Catholics shall take  
an oath that all children of such mar-  
ital unions shall be educated as Cath-  
olics.

No person, Catholic or Protestant,  
has a moral, religious, or any other  
right to swear away the rights of un-  
born children; and what's more, no  
institution except a dictatorial, to-  
talitarian, political power would dare  
to make such unjust demands upon  
individuals concerning matters so sac-  
red to parents.

Such meddling and absurd demands  
by the Roman Catholic church is tan-  
tamount to a concession that the  
message of Romanism is not capable  
of making sufficient appeal to mature  
intelligence to make converts; there-  
fore, she must take advantage of  
helpless infants. — THE BAPTIST  
STANDARD.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE December 11, 1949

	Sunday School	Training Union
Mantee	186	36
Union (Pike County)	85	79
Pascagoula, First	386	222
Eastlawn Mission	65	32
Chapel No. 2	38	—
Unity Mission	42	32
Columbus, First	918	285
Laurel, Second Ave.	455	135
West Laurel	443	156
Goss	93	96
Carmel (Lawrence County)	125	119
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	51	54
East McComb	480	264
East Fork	114	62
Rawls Spring (Lebanon Assoc.)	143	106
Friendship (Lincoln County)	90	88
Pearlhaven (Lincoln County)	155	72
Union (Pearl River County)	192	184
Hebron (Jones County)	121	72
First, McComb	555	123
First, Kosciusko	557	205
Big Creek	79	50
Bruce	225	65
Ingomar	116	74
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	100	64
Leesburg	138	183
Ruth	90	144
Brookhaven, First	913	291
Hamilton St. Chapel, Brookhaven	100	52
Central Chapel	102	89
First, Laurel	644	183
Chalybeate	58	40
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	104	122
Friendship (Pike County)	181	93
First, Gulfport	731	163
Paul Truitt Memorial	207	124
Bay Springs	169	50
Siloam (Simpson County)	53	78
Lucedale	316	110
Providence (Forrest County)	150	96
Darling	69	38
Evergreen (Winston County)	81	73
Harmony	91	45
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	94	31
Union (Alcorn Association)	39	57
West Corinth	184	79
Crystal Springs	616	183
Chester (Choctaw County)	52	—
Center (Union County)	106	74
Southside, Jackson	312	143
First, Jackson	1318	494
Van Winkle, Jackson	418	227
Northside, Jackson	499	163
Brandon	201	66
Calvary, Jackson	1332	313
Calvary Mission, Jackson	27	27
Parkway, Jackson	849	259
Parkway Chapel, Jackson	94	51
Daniel Memorial, Jackson	321	133
First Baptist, Meridian	733	123
Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian	496	124
Highland, Meridian	452	141
Forty-First Avenue, Meridian	281	81
Oakland Heights, Meridian	149	73
Key Field, Meridian	84	41
Calvary (Amite County)	87	72
Marion (Lauderdale County)	120	97



## Dr. Frank H. Leavell Passes In Nashville Was Southside Student Sec'y.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Dr. Frank Hartwell Leavell, 65, secretary in charge of the Baptist Student Union Department for the Southern Baptist Convention, died at his home here, Wednesday morning, December 7. Dr. Leavell became ill Tuesday night after working as usual in his office Tuesday. His death was attributed to a heart ailment.

Funeral services, held at the First Church here, were conducted by his brother, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor, and Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive-secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Burial was at Dr. Leavell's birthplace, Oxford, Miss.

Dr. Leavell received his early education at Oxford, his bachelor's degree at the University of Mississippi, and a master's degree at Columbia University. He also studied at Harvard University Law School and held honorary degrees of LL.D. from Mississippi College and L.H.D. from Baylor University.

A member of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance since 1934, Dr. Leavell had been secretary of the youth committee of the organization since 1931. He had been connected with church student work for 27 years and came here in 1928 from a similar post in Memphis. Before his assignment to student work with the Convention, he was in charge of Baptist Training Union work in Georgia, with headquarters at Atlanta. He was secretary of the Georgia State Baptist Young People's Union from 1913 to 1922.

In 1922, Dr. Leavell became executive secretary of the Inter-Board Commission of the Convention, and held the post until he came here. At one time he served as secretary of the Convention's Education Commission and member of the World Baptist Young People's Union. He had also served as a member of the National Commission of Church-Related Colleges and the National Commission on University Work since 1935. Before entering Baptist student work he taught at Mercer University at Macon, Ga.

He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church and a member of the Rotary Club and Sigma Chi fraternity.

His wife, the former Miss Martha Maria Boone, of Memphis, survives him. Other survivors include two daughters, Miss Mary Martha Leavell of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. John P. Newport of Waco, Tex.; a son, Frank H. Leavell, Jr., who is a senior at Baylor University; five brothers; and two grand children.

**PIKE COUNTY RECENTLY VOTED** to keep beer but the board of supervisors has banned possession, barter, sale of gift of the suds in its third district. The action, affecting only the third district, was approved by the board Wednesday. It becomes effective Dec. 17. The order was voted on receipt of a petition presented by Judge F. D. Hewitt of McComb, attorney for residents of the district. It is east of McComb. (Editor's Note: A half loaf is better than no loaf. One dry district is better than no dry districts.)

## J. G. McDONALD ORDAINED



REV. JOHN G. McDONALD

John G. McDonald, formerly of Vicksburg, who is now attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville Kentucky, was ordained to the full ministry of the Gospel October 28, at the First Church, Charleston, Indiana.

Mr. McDonald, a graduate of Mississippi College, was licensed to preach in January of 1949 by the First Church, Vicksburg. He is now pastor of the Lost River Church of Claysville, Indiana.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Darty Stowe, also a student of the Seminary; the charge was given by Dr. G. C. Mitchell, State Evangelist of Indiana. Rev. I. T. Blick, pastor of the First Church of Charleston, presented the Bible and Rev. Frank Thomas, of Vicksburg, led the ordination prayer.

Mrs. E. G. McDonald, of Vicksburg, the mother of Mr. McDonald was present at the ordination service.

## Main St. Church, Hattiesburg Oversubscribes Financial And Tithing Goals For 1950

Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, over subscribed the financial goal on Sunday, December 4, as well as its tithers' goal.

The Budget goal for 1950 was \$85,500 and 800 tithers. In the one day, \$89,130 was pledged by 1258 people, of whom 814 pledged to tithe. Pledges were made at both Sunday School and the morning worship hour; others were visited in the afternoon.

The Budget goal for 1949 was \$75,000 and 700 tithers. In one day \$86,897 was pledged and 721 signed tithers

## Walnut Street Church of Louisville Has Been 'Fifty-Fifty' for Century

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (BP) — "Fifty-Fifty by 1950" is no new idea for Walnut Street Baptist Church here, which is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary. The largest Baptist church in Kentucky and mother of a long list of churches in this area, Walnut Street has in its 99 years thus far received \$3,646,357.52 in contributions, of which \$1,848,403.83, has been spent for missions and benevolences.

This giving to outside causes has in no way impoverished the local church which 50 years ago forsook Walnut street for a location at Third and St.

## TITHES TOTAL \$1,643 ON DEMONSTRATION DAY AT NORTHSIDE, JACKSON

Northside Church, Jackson, observed Tithing Demonstration Day on December 4. Pastor W. Lowrey Compere had challenged the membership to bring to the church on that day the tithes of their income for the previous week. In response to this appeal, the budget offering was \$1,643, with approximately \$1,400 representing the tithe for the week.

The climax of the demonstration came at the close of the morning service when approximately 300 members led by the deacons placed their signed tithers covenant on the table.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD VOTES \$5000 TO BAPTIST HOUR FOR DEC. 25

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The Baptist Sunday School Board has voted \$5,000 to pay for the radio broadcast of the Gospel message by Dr. Robert G. Lee on the Baptist Hour over 132 stations on Sunday, Christmas Day, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, has announced.

Dr. Holcomb pointed out that the business men and ministers on the Sunday School Board felt that the investment of \$5,000 through the Radio Commission for the Christmas Day broadcast would be in line with the expanded program of Bible teaching which the Board has been promoting.

"There may be other individuals, organizations, or churches in the Southern Baptist Convention who would want to write Dr. S. F. Lowe at Atlanta and ask for the opportunity of having a part in preaching to millions of Americans on some particular Sunday," Dr. Holcomb said, "It is our prayer that others will catch the spirit which has prompted this gift by the Sunday School Board."

covenants. In 1948 the budget goal was \$70,000, \$20,000 above the previous year. In one day \$78,000 was pledged and 634 signed tithers cards.

Before the one-day plan was put into action, a month was used to reach the budget goal and even then the pledges often did not come up to the goal.

Discussing the matter, the pastor, Dr. John E. Barnes says, "The church cannot go through the wonderful experience we did yesterday without receiving a great blessing from it."

Catherine Streets in Louisville where there are now 31 pianos, two organs, two auditoriums, 50-odd classrooms, a nursery with 30 baby cribs, a suite of eight carpeted offices, a king-size card file with 4,909 names, accounting and auditing books, typewriters, kitchen and dining room, and seats for around 4,000 persons, young and old.

The church now has 16 paid employees and 4,909 members. The Sunday school has an average attendance of 1,600. Dr. W. R. Pettigrew has been pastor since 1946.

## BILLY PURSELL LICENSED AT BELZONI CHURCH



BILLY PURSELL

Billy Pursell was licensed on November 20 by the Belzoni Church to the ministry of the Gospel. He surrendered to the call of the ministry about two years ago.

Billy is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pursell of Belzoni, and is now a freshman at Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

## New Film Strip Available, "The Unwanted"

Of all the current world problems facing us today, the most critical is that of the refugees.

In Germany, Greece, the Near East, and the Far East, thousands and hundreds of thousands of men, women and children live close to the edge of despair and death.

There can be no hope of world peace and economic recovery until the human problem of these millions of homeless and workless refugees is solved.

To challenge American Christians to renew their efforts in giving generously out of their abundance, a new film strip has been released by Church World Service.

"The Unwanted" is particularly useful for special church programs during the Thanksgiving season and for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" campaign which will be conducted in Protestant churches throughout the United States.

This 70-frame, 35mm film strip with a 15 minute script may be purchased for \$1.00. Address your orders to: Audio-Visual Department, Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, New York.

## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- December 19—A. A. Roebuck, Aberdeen, Mississippi Education Commission; Mrs. A. L. Beavers, Union Association W.M.U. Superintendent.
- December 20—W. L. McMullan, Newton, Board of Ministerial Education; J. M. Foy, Jones Association Sunday School Superintendent.
- December 21—Miss Alene Johnson, secretary, State Training Union Office; H. A. Scott, Waltham County Convention Board member.
- December 22—Mrs. D. P. Lintrip, Zion W.M.U. Associational Young People's leader; Hermon Dean, Canton, Baptist Orphanage trustee.
- December 23—C. G. Bobo, Lyon, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee; Mrs. J. B. Simmons, Clarke College faculty.
- December 24—N. R. McCullough, Hattiesburg, Mississippi College trustee; D. L. Fair, Louisville, Blue Mountain College trustee.
- December 25—Student Night at Christmas programs.



## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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### POTPOURRI

**JUST BEFORE TURNING IN THIS COPY, WE LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF OUR GREAT SOUTHWIDE SECRETARY, DR. FRANK H. LEAVELL. WORDS ARE INADEQUATE TO EXPRESS OUR SORROW OVER HIS LEAVING US. NOT ONLY WAS HE A GREAT LEADER, BUT, WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, HE WAS A GREAT CHRISTIAN. THIS STATE SECRETARY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO WITHOUT HIM, BUT WE KNOW THAT GOD HAS A MAN SOMEWHERE TO TAKE FRANK LEAVELL'S PLACE. OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND LOVE ARE EXTENDED TO ALL THE LEAVELL FAMILY. HOW GREATLY WE SHALL MISS HIM! We are very thankful to the Lord that our Convention Board allocated to us enough additional money to provide us with a full-time Office Secretary**

and for additional traveling expenses. Bettye Presson, our present half-time Secretary, plans to join us full-time on January 1st. A pastor wondering whether his church should have a service of any kind on Sunday night, Dec. 25 (Christmas Night), asked us if Student Night at Christmas should be held then. We replied that Christmas Night was the time suggested for this program and that if people ever should need the opportunity to go to church on any Sunday night, it should most certainly be the Sunday night that happens to fall on the birthday of our Lord. . . . The meaning of the equation, M2S equals SSM, will be revealed in the January Miscellany. Many have made good guesses about it. We hope the interest in this equation will produce liberal, sacrificial giving to our student summer mission program.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
Mrs. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

### JANUARY BIBLE WEEK

It is the BOOK OF ACTS for January, 1950.

And that is such a timely study this time for our Uniform Lessons for the January-March quarter center in a study of "The Early Christians Facing Their World." The book of Acts is a study of the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem on out to the other parts of the country during the days of the early Christians.

The guide book, "Studies in Acts," by Dr. W. J. Fallis, is ready and may be secured at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

So plan now to have a great week of Bible study for the church in January, and start the new year in this wonderful way.

### A GREAT FALL'S WORK

We have come to the close of a great fall's work. It has been the joy of the Sunday School Department to serve in clinics, study courses, enlargement campaigns, and special conferences during the fall months in these associations: Union County, Pike, Lebanon, Columbus, Gulfcoast, Lincoln, Adams-Franklin, Sunflower, Clay, Hinds, Winston, Lee, Pontotoc, Calhoun, Attala, Madison, Copiah, Jones, Newton, Lauderdale, Simpson, Rankin, and Jackson.

We are ever grateful to pastors, superintendents, teachers, associational leaders, educational directors, and all others, for the privilege of helping in

the great and important work of building bigger and better schools for Bible teaching to all the people.

### THE DALLAS CONFERENCE

One of the important and, no doubt, attractive features of the Convention-wide Sunday School Conference in Dallas, Texas, December 27-30, will be the department conferences.

The leaders of these conferences are making careful and definite preparation to bring the very best there is to offer in every phase of Sunday school work.

There will be five hours of department conferences—Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, and Thursday afternoon.

### AND AGAIN

A chief feature of the Convention-wide Sunday School Conference in Dallas, December 27-30, will be the program for Wednesday evening, December 28.

"The Sunday School's Ministry to Growing Individuals" is the theme, and will be developed in a dramatic seventy-five minute presentation which will carry you through a sympathetic tour of your town, U.S.A. You'll see your community and your church in every situation.

Don't miss this special feature in the Dallas Conference. Don't miss the Conference! "Make the Holidays Holy Days This Christmas."

## Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director  
Box 530 --- Phone 3-9106 --- Jackson

### THE CAUSE OF TEMPERANCE WAS GIVEN A CHANCE IN WALTHAM COUNTY

During a revival at Salem Baptist Church in Waltham County, I had many opportunities to present the work of our department. Pastor J. Dallas Wallace is a great pastor who is vitally interested in the cause of Temperance. He had worked up a wonderful schedule for the week. We went into three different schools and I spoke eleven times in these schools

during the week. The students themselves requested several of the meetings. Their interest in the work and the response given to every lecture thrilled me beyond words to describe. This kind of work offers great opportunities for far reaching results. Every member of the faculty in each school visited realized the value of this sort of work. They offered us unlimited time any day we could visit them. More meetings should be held like this.

## J. L. HILL TO SPEAK IN BROOKHAVEN CONFERENCE

Dr. John L. Hill, former book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be one of the featured speakers at the second annual Bible Conference to be held at the First Church, Brookhaven, January 9-13.

Dr. Hill will bring studies on the New Testament, using the subjects: "Grace Sufficient," "The Adequate Christ," "In Life's Storms," and "As We Journey." He will also bring a series of lectures to pastors and hold open forums, discussing the desires and needs of the man in the pew.

The Brookhaven Bible Conference is open to ministers from over the state and elsewhere. Preachers who wish to have free overnight accommodations in homes should make their requests at once.

In addition to Dr. Hill's messages, Dr. Richard Ellsworth Day, writer of Christian biography, and Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma, will speak twice daily.

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## 22 ADDED IN REVIVAL AT POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE

Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor, did the preaching in the revival at Poplar Springs Drive Church in Meridian recently. There were 22 additions, 17 by baptism, and many rededications.

The services were broadcast over radio station, WMOX, and excellent crowds attended the meeting.

## 40 & 25 YEARS AGO

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Missionary J. G. Chastin, a Mississippian, writes from Mexico that their native Baptist churches had raised "toward self-support \$2,746.33 and for missions \$1,953.83, making a total of \$4,699.96 during the previous year," and 523 were baptized.

The First Church, Hazlehurst, has been blessed with "a refreshing revival" with 14 being added to the membership. Pastor Robert H. Tandy was assisted by Rev. W. L. Walker of Atlanta, Ga.

Pastor W. B. Holcomb reports 45 having been received into the Wesleyan Church, 33 for baptism, assisted by a son, Rev. H. R. Holcomb of McComb.

Pastor W. E. Fendley writes that 54 were added to the 41st Avenue Church, Meridian, during a meeting in which he was assisted by Rev. C. A. Stewart.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The Pine Grove Church, Simpson County, closed a splendid meeting with Rev. J. P. Williams of Mendenhall assisting Pastor Jack Hughes. There were 14 additions.

Dr. Gunter reports twice as much received for the 75-Million Campaign as for the same month last year. The two weeks revival meeting of the Picayune Church resulted in "more than 100 additions" to the church. Dr. G. H. Crutcher of New Orleans did the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hickerson, Southwestern Seminary Evangelists, assisted Pastor G. C. Hodge at Fayette and Union Church, resulting in 11 additions at the former place and six at the latter.

There were 48 additions, 31 for baptism, to the Corinth Church, Jasper County, in a meeting in which Rev. J. C. Parker of Laurel assisted Pastor W. B. Mott of Newton.

## OKLA. BAPTISTS GET FAVORABLE TAX RULING

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(RNS)—District Judge Glen O. Morris ruled here that the Oklahoma Baptist Convention will not have to pay taxes on its headquarters building in Oklahoma City, even though a book store is operating on the ground floor.

Judge Morris said he could not agree with the tax assessor that the book store and lots served no religious purpose.

"The book store is an integral part of the Baptist organization for the Church's welfare in Oklahoma," he said, adding that to tax the property would be a violation of the state's constitution.

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### "A MOTHER FINDS REST"

Now she dwells where neither doubt nor fear

May find her breast,

No crying child may now disturb her here

Or break her rest.

The ache of living ended, yonder she lies

In wondrous peace.

God left a smile about her lovely eyes With her release.

How oft we fretted or caused her pain We cannot say,

Long hours she watched beside the window pane With us away.

Her sleep we broke with whimperings and sighs

When we were ill,

Nor thought it much to rose her with our cries.

As children will.

But now we suffer so, and vainly call For her to come,

Her feet will never tread again the hall, Her lips are dumb.

Love had no more sweet service to provide,

But this we know,

She'll watch for us upon the other side Who tired her so.

On November 8, 9:45 p. m. at the Scott County Hospital God called home to be with him and to her reward a dear mother and companion, wife of J. T. (Tom) Cooper, Morton, Miss. She was born in Rankin County near Morton, Miss., and married J. T. Cooper on December 14, 1898. On December 14, 1948 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home eight miles south of Morton. To this family eleven children were born, ten of which are left to mourn her going, and one having gone on in infancy. Those left to mourn her going is her husband, J. T. Cooper, Morton, and ten children—Mrs. L. P. Gaddis, Mrs. Jim Manning, Mrs. Josie Winstead, Mrs. Jessie Garner, Mrs. Peek Lewis, J. L. Cooper, Wayne S. Cooper, and Ted Cooper all of Morton, Miss. Mrs. Guy Grey, Pelahatchie, Miss., and Gayle Cooper, Canton, Miss. Twenty nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren and one brother, Charlie Miley, Puckett, Miss. Words cannot describe her life, but those of us who knew her would say just this, she was a godly companion, mother, and friend to those she came in contact with. She was a consecrated christian worker having been teacher of the T. E. L. Bible Class of Springfield Baptist Church for twenty nine years. No one knows how much we miss you mother, but we would not wish you back from the joys you now share, and we know if we could hear your voice speaking to us you would say, "be brave and weep not that you must stay behind. Share in the lives of others as you would share if God had willed it still to leave me there." So to the sweetest and fairest of them all, Mother, we have said goodbye for a while, but we'll meet you on Heaven's shore.

THE FAMILY



**STATE BOARD ADOPTS**  
(Continued from Page One)

**1949 CONVENTION BOARD MEETING**  
December 5-7, 1949

The meeting was called to order by President J. D. Ray in the basement of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi. After singing, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms," prayer was led by J. W. Landrum.

Roll Call was completed with the following brethren seated as proxies: D. L. Hill for J. W. Vassar; Virgil Ratcliff for M. H. Barkley; O. C. Carraway for Charles Treadway; Joe Odle for John Dearing; Rowe Holcomb for Melva Morton; and W. A. Hogan for J. J. Denson.

The Board was organized as follows:

President, J. D. Ray; Vice President, G. O. Parker; Secretary, J. W. Landrum; Assistant Secretary, R. W. Martin.

1. H. H. Aultman nominated D. A. McCall as Executive Secretary and D. S. Haworth moved for frank discussion of the matter of election of Executive Secretary and that the vote be by ballot. D. A. McCall called attention to the seating of proxies who were members of some other board. H. H. Aultman moved a substitute motion that the vote be by standing. A motion by A. L. Gatewood prevailed that the matter be tabled.

2. M. V. McKinster moved that proxies be seated throughout this meeting and that hereafter no proxies be seated. After extended discussion a substitute motion by Wayne Alliston prevailed that the president rule on the point of order concerning seating of proxies. After further extended discussion President Ray ruled that everyone technically unqualified otherwise could not serve as a proxy. A point of order by C. S. Henderson that those who had already been seated could not be unseated except by formal action was allowed.

3. After further discussion and prayer led by Wilbur Lawrence a motion prevailed that the Board proceed with the election of an Executive Secretary.

4. A motion by Wilbur Lawrence prevailed that the vote be cast by acclamation.

5. H. H. Aultman moved that D. A. McCall be elected as Executive Secretary. By standing vote the majority voted for the motion and D. A. McCall was declared elected for another year as Executive Secretary.

6. Q. E. Floyd moved that opportunity be given for those who voted in the negative to express themselves. An amendment by Herman Milner prevailed that a rising vote make the previous vote unanimous. A rising vote carried this amendment with no negative vote being cast, but no formal action was taken on the amended motion.

7. A motion prevailed that the report of the Education Commission be heard. The Education Commission, represented by F. H. Purser, yielded to G. W. Thompson who brought the suggestion of the Executive Committee concerning the election of Executive Committee members. A motion by J. B. Smith that the Executive Committee members be elected by each Board member checking a mimeographed ballot of all Board members was tabled on motion of W. L. Meadows.

8. F. M. Purser brought the following report of the Education Commission which was adopted on motion of C. J. Smyly:

**TO THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD—**

Brethren:

On instructions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention the Baptist Education Commission of Mississippi makes the following recommendations:

1. The Commission recommends that \$2,000 of Christian Education funds be set aside during the present fiscal year for expenses of the Commission, with the understanding that any of this amount unused at the end of this fiscal year shall be distributed to the four (4) colleges on the percentage basis agreed upon by the Convention Board.
2. The Commission recommends that the allocations to the colleges be as follows:

Mississippi College	35%
Blue Mountain College	25%
Woman's College	20%
Clarke Memorial College	20%

Respectfully submitted for the Commission  
(Signed) FRANK MOODY PURSER, President  
Baptist Education Commission of Mississippi

December 5, 1949

9. J. W. Landrum brought a preliminary report of Building Aid Committee and it was adopted.

**PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AID COMMITTEE:**

We your Committee refer four applications for Church Building Aid directly to the Convention Board for action, because of their unusual situation. The following churches: Wesson Copiah Association Immanuel Lebanon Association, and Summit, Pike Association, have made extensive requests on the basis of schools located near by.

Broadmoor, Hinds County, has not yet been received into Hinds Association.

We feel that our Committee would have no jurisdiction with regard to these applications and request the full Board to act on them.

Building Aid Committee  
(Signed)  
J. W. LANDRUM, Chairman  
R. B. BRIGANOW  
J. B. SMITH  
O. C. CARRAWAY (for Charles Treadway)  
J. I. BERRYHILL

10. Carey Cox called attention that some requests for Pastoral Aid had not been fully authorized and a motion by Judson Chastain prevailed that churches which had made application for Pastoral Aid but were not completely authorized be conditionally approved, subject to final authorization by the Board Members or the Associational Executive Committee.

11. A motion by E. D. Estes prevailed that Building and Pastoral Aid allotments not paid prior to October 31, 1949 for the year 1948-49 be paid on or before December 31, 1949, provided the church qualified.

12. H. H. Aultman moved that a special order be set for 3:00 p. m. to consider the matter and manner of election of Executive Committee members. The motion carried.

13. The report of the Committee on Ministers Retirement was brought by D. L. Hill and was adopted as follows:

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS RETIREMENT**

We your committee on Ministers Retirement, after a conference with Brother J. E. Lane, our bookkeeper for the plan, in which the members of the committee came to a better understanding of the plan, submit the following resume of the year's business.

Receipts, November 1, 1948 to November 1, 1949:

From Ministers Retirement	\$88,618.30
From B or Board Employees Plan	5,902.44
From Widows Supplemental Annuity and Widows Supplemental Annuity under the B plan	10,506.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,027.32</b>

The total paid by pastors into both plans was \$29,256.90.

The total paid by employees of the Board, \$3,442.98.

Of approximately 778 pastors in the State 566 are in the Ministers Retirement program, 120 are in the Widows Supplemental Annuity and there are 38 Board employees who are in the plan. Out of approximately 1600 churches 768 are sending in their 3 percent.

We offer also the following recommendations.

1. A program of promotion urging our pastors and churches to enter the plan without delay.

2. That all associational moderators and clerks study and stress this plan for the present year, that they allow time on the associational programs, and that a representative from Baptist Headquarters be secured to present and explain it at the associational meetings next fall. Pastors already in this program can render a service to their neighbor churches and brother ministers by encouraging their participation.

3. That the attention of our churches be called to the fact that the Ministers Retirement Plan will safeguard them in the event of disability on the part of a pastor, it will eliminate the necessity of putting a pastor on a pension, and will eventually eliminate the list of destitute ministers and ministers' wives in our state, forty-six of whom now receive a small stipend from the Relief Department of the Relief and Annuity Board.

4. That all ministerial students recognize their duty to promote through their pastorates the work of the denomination in this department by participation in the Ministers Retirement and Widows Supplemental Annuity as a provision for all our pastors and a safeguard to our churches themselves. Further that our ministerial students investigate the plan and join it when they assume pastoral duties in order to stabilize and strengthen its structure by sharing in its progress.

5. That our churches and pastors be urged to assist our bookkeeper by remitting their payments monthly or at the beginning of each quarter, as these funds are to be invested when received and interest must be computed accordingly.

6. That the brethren who have not joined the Widows Supplemental Annuity consider that more participants are needed in this plan in order to enjoy its benefits, and note that the annuity paid a widow on the maximum level is equal to earnings on an estate of \$25,000.00 at 3 percent interest.

Respectfully submitted,  
COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS RETIREMENT  
D. L. HILL (for John Vassar)  
JACK STUART  
M. S. RILEY  
ROBERT PALMER, Chairman

14. Joe Odle called attention to a new policy of the Relief and Annuity Board which allowed certain states to have their Ministers Retirement Plan funds collected by the Dallas office direct. C. J. Smyly made a motion that we ask the Relief and Annuity Board to take over this collection, and F. V. McFathridge moved a substitute which prevailed that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for study.

15. The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 to convene at 1:30.

The afternoon session convened at 1:30 with the singing of, "We're Marching to Zion," and prayer led by Judson Chastain.

16. The Secretary called attention that Pontotoc Association had been omitted from the Convention Annual on page 20 in the list of Board Members and a motion by W. L. Meadows prevailed that it be added to the roll of members with James Monroe as Board Member, and that any others duly elected who came into the meeting later be seated.

17. M. W. Perry reported for the special committee appointed at last board meeting to study and recommend concerning procedures in Board office. On his motion the report was adopted:

December 5, 1949

On this date at 8:30 a. m., a meeting of the appointed committee to study our methods and procedures and make further recommendations to the Board, was held at the Baptist Building with M. W. Perry, Chairman, N. R. Paschal, Paul Townsend, and H. A. Scott present. By general consent H. A. Scott was appointed secretary. The meeting was opened by prayer led by N. R. Paschal.

After studying the recommendations of auditors we make the following suggestions.

1. That the Board select an audit committee of three members, two of whom should be laymen, to work with the auditors employed by the Board and the Treasurer of the Board. This audit committee together with the treasurer and the auditor employed by the Board, shall make any changes they deem necessary in the Board's Bookkeeping Department.

2. We recommend that each department prepare its own suggested budget not later than October 31 of each year for the ensuing year. Each suggested budget shall be reviewed by a committee composed of the Executive Secretary, Associate Executive Secretary and the Treasurer who shall pass the suggested budgets to the Budget and Allocations Committee with the committee's recommendations thereon. We recommend that the Budget and Allocations committee meet at least one week prior to the December Convention Board meeting. This committee at this time shall consider these budgets and hear requests from any one wishing to appear before them.

3. We recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to grant requests for aid to churches to an amount not to exceed \$1500 in any one case in meetings during interim.

4. We recommend that unpaid budget items for church aid, pastoral aid and associational missionary aid be set up in an actual account as of October 31 of each year. All such accounts that qualify be paid by December 31 of the same year.

5. We recommend that all checks be signed by the Treasurer, whose pond shall be \$50,000.00, or in his absence by two bookkeepers jointly, whom he shall designate and whose bonds shall be \$15,000.00 each.

6. We recommend that checks sent to the Convention Board payable in any other way than Convention Board, that when receipts are sent to the donors, that attached thereto shall be a statement reading, "Please make future checks payable to the Convention Board."

7. We recommend that the Bookkeeping Department be furnished signed copies of Convention Board and Executive Committee meetings.

8. We recommend that the physical inventory of the movable equipment be

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checked periodically by the treasurer and be kept up to date.

9. We recommend that the treasurer keep detailed cost records on each Convention Board car.

10. We recommend that the income from the Baptist Record be separated as to advertising and subscription income.

11. We recommend that where possible one secretary serve more than one department in our Baptist Building. That this be worked out by the Committee suggested in paragraph one of these Recommendations.

(Signed)

H. W. PERRY, Chairman

H. A. SCOTT, Secretary

The following audit committee (paragraph 1 of above report) was elected by standing vote in later proceedings of the Board: N. R. Pascal, K. R. Oofar, M. W. Perry.

18. The Budget and Allocations Committee, composed of the following members, was recognized:

G. W. THOMPSON, Chairman

M. V. McKINSTER

W. LANDON MILLER

PAUL TOWNSEND

M. W. PERRY

19. On motion of G. W. Thompson the following Cooperative Program Distribution for 1950 was adopted:

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION

1950

State Causes	50%
Christian Education	20 %
State Missions	20 1/2 %
Mississippi Baptist Hospital	1 %
Ministerial Education	2 %
Radio	1 %
Baptist Foundation	1 1/2 %
Baptist Orphanage	4 %
Southwide Causes	50%
TOTAL	100%

One-half of Baptist Record profits to Radio and one-half to State Missions.

20. G. W. Thompson presented the State Mission budget for 1949-50 which was discussed at length. His motion to adopt was deferred since the time for the special order (See Item 12) had come.

21. After discussion of various methods, a substitute motion by Wilbur Lawrence prevailed that the Record continue to elect the Executive Committee in conformity with past custom.

22. By common consent the consideration of the State Mission Budget was delayed to consider the budget of the Executive Secretary's Office which was adopted on motion of G. W. Thompson as follows:

BUDGET FOR 1950  
Executive Secretary's Office

	1949	1949	1950
Budget Expenditures Budget			
Salaries:			
Executive Secretary	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Executive Sec. Special Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Executive Secretary Utilities	300.00	300.00	300.00
Office Secretaries	7,000.00	\$4,409.49	\$6,000.00
Promotional Help	2,000.00	2,048.87	2,000.00
Tract Secretary	1,800.00	—	—
Bookkeepers	10,000.00	8,655.70	9,000.00
Travel	3,800.00	3,055.14	3,650.00
Southern Baptist Convention:			
Executive Secretary	175.00	140.43	175.00
Office Helpers	250.00	—	—
Conventions and Conferences	1,000.00	190.00	—
Office Expense and Supplies	3,000.00	3,291.41	3,500.00
Postage	3,000.00	2,048.80	2,500.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1,250.00	913.24	1,000.00
Printing	5,450.00	4,584.06	5,000.00
Promotion	5,000.00	5,294.64	5,000.00
Cuts and Mats	50.00	44.41	50.00
Express	100.00	50.24	50.00
Auditor	700.00	675.00	700.00
		5,500.00	
Bond for Employees	150.00	179.96	250.00
Dues and Subscriptions	100.00	15.00	50.00
Exchange on checks	1,000.00	1,002.75	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	3,000.00	2,398.32	2,500.00
Insurance	150.00	—	—
Automobile Replacement Fund	2,000.00	1,943.37	1,000.00
Moderators and Clerks	1,250.00	554.22	600.00
Unanticipated Expenditures	—	—	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,575.00	155.17	5,000.00
TOTALS	\$62,300.00	\$55,650.02	\$61,525.00

23. A motion by C. W. Thompson prevailed in the adoption of the following budget of the Associate Executive Secretary's Office:

BUDGET—ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
AND RELIEF AND ANNUITY DEPARTMENT

(NOTE: Last year, the budget of the Associate Executive Secretary's Office was set at \$12,000, and the operation of the Relief and Annuity Board Office at \$6,000.00, the total amount for both departments being \$18,000.00. It was voted at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting to combine these departments.)

I recommend the following proposed budget for 1950 with the salary of the Associate Executive Secretary being set at \$4,500.00. This represents a reduction of \$800.00

Salaries:	
Associate Executive Secretary	\$ 4,500.00
Utilities	200.00
House Rent	300.00
Office Secretary	2,400.00
Bookkeeper (Relief and Annuity Office)	2,640.00

Building Maintenance (both offices—actual)	315.00
Automobile maintenance, travel, and expense	1,000.00
Office Expenses, Supplies, Printing, Postage, Equipment, etc.	1,900.00
Promotion	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	245.00
Expense, Southern Baptist Convention	150.00

\$16,650.00

24. The budget of the Editorial Department of the Baptist Record was adopted on motion of C. W. Thompson.

1950 BUDGET FOR THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT  
OF THE BAPTIST RECORD

	Proposed 1950
Salaries	\$ 9,300.00
A. L. Goodrich	\$5,000.00
Secretary	2,280.00
Assistant Secretary	1,920.00
Extra help as needed	300.00
Southern Baptist Convention Expense	225.00
Editor	150.00
Secretary's expense to S. B. C. to help report meeting	75.00
Editors' Meetings	275.00
Evangelical Press Association	75.00
Associated Church Press School	100.00
Southern Baptist Press Assoc.	100.00
Travel	1,000.00
Office Supplies	675.00
Office Equipment	75.00
Office, miscellaneous	75.00
Promotion Meetings	125.00
Southern Seminary	75.00
New Orleans Seminary	50.00
Bind Baptist Records	18.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	75.00
Printing	150.00
Baptist Record Promotion	800.00
Postage	1,250.00
Telephone	425.00
Cuts and Mats	200.00
Express	75.00
Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
Miscellaneous (Camera to come out of this fund)	500.00

TOTAL \$15,343.00

25. The State Mission Budget was presented for final approval. S. R. Woodson's motion that the budget committee provide for \$1200 increase for the B. T. U. Department prevailed. W. L. Marsh moved that Church Building Evangelism be increased from \$25,000 to \$40,000 from reserve; however, a substitute motion by C. J. Smyly prevailed that \$15,000 be taken from surplus and/or reserve and for the building aid committee to allocate on basis of applications in hand. C. W. Thompson moved that the entire State Mission Budget including the two changes, be approved. The budget was adopted as follows:

## STATE MISSION BUDGET FOR 1949-50

1. Church Building Evangelism (\$15,000 from surplus and for Reserve)	\$25,000.00
2. Negro Work	13,500.00
3. Indian Work	2,000.00
4. B. S. U. Campus	13,000.00
5. B. S. U. Department	7,200.00
6. Sunday School Department	16,500.00
7. B. T. U. Department	15,500.00
8. Evangelistic Conference	1,500.00
9. Historical Society	300.00
10. Board Retirement Plan: Pastors Dues, Widows Supplemental Plan,	
Board Employees Dues	33,387.00
11. Convention Expense	500.00
22. Board Meetings	4,000.00
13. State Mission Promotion Tracts	3,000.00
14. Stewardship Conference	750.00
15. Institutional Work	4,750.00
16. W. M. U. Department: (\$19,500.00 from Cooperative Program)	9,000.00
W. M. U. Work: R. A. Worker, Negro Worker, Indian—Negro Youth	
Work, Scholarships, W. M. U. Camp Maintenance	9,000.00
17. Pastoral Evangelism	10,000.00
18. Service Men's Aid	1,200.00
19. Brotherhood	10,600.00
20. Associational Missions	22,000.00
21. Preachers Bible School	1,000.00
22. Temperance	8,500.00
23. Associational Missionary Institute	300.00
24. Chinese Mission	1,200.00
25. Miscellaneous	2,200.00
26. Braille Evangel	100.00
27. Stewardship and Evangelism	5,600.00
28. Bible Teacher Copiah-Lincoln	450.00
29. Bible Teacher Perkinson Jr.	180.00
30. Natchez College	750.00
31. Sanatorium	600.00

\$215,167.00

32. It is recommended that the payment of \$866.54, balance due the Negro Baptist Seminary for last year's operation, be paid out of last year's surplus.

33. It is recommended that \$10,000 be paid out of State Mission surplus to Starkville Church.

26. Carey Cox made a motion that the Executive Committee grant to Miss Bess Eva Schilling as Bookkeeper emeritus, a salary of \$150 monthly for the year 1949-50, and that this salary be retroactive to January 1, 1949, and that we look with favor on this continuing to her retirement age. The motion was adopted.

27. The meeting was recessed until 7:00 p. m. with prayer.

The evening session convened at the Baptist Building at 7:00 p. m.

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28. By common Consent the item under "Indian Work" in the State Mission Budget is to be used partially for building aid for Indian churches.
29. The Total Overhead Budget from the Cooperative Program was adopted on Motion of C. W. Thompson.

TOTAL OVERHEAD BUDGET  
(Cooperative Program)

Office of Executive Secretary	\$ 61,525.00
Office of Assistant Executive Secretary and Relief and Annuity Department	16,650.00
Treasurer	6,000.00
Ernst and Ernst Auditors	6,000.00
W. M. U. Department	19,500.00

TOTAL \$109,675.00

30. The Committee on Nominations and Salaries was recognized, composed of the following:

J. R. Davis, Chairman, A. L. Gatewood, H. A. Scott, Herman Milner, G. O. Parker.

31. On nomination of Committee on Nominations and Salaries the following were elected to comprise the Executive Committee:

Wayne Alliston, Howard Aultman, F. K. Horton, J. W. Landrum, W. L. Meadows, M. D. Morton, J. D. Ray, H. A. Scott, C. W. Thompson.

32. On request of Wayne Alliston, all new Board members were asked to stand, give their name, Association, and work.

33. A. B. Pierce of Kosciusko was recognized and given an opportunity to discuss the matter of the Baptist Foundation. It was found that no further action by the Board was necessary since enough funds had been provided in the percentage division of Cooperative Program to carry the work on until the end of the fiscal year.

34. F. V. Brown of Progress, Mississippi presented the matter of a parcel of property in Pike County which had been held in trust for the Convention Board and the Progress Baptist Church. A motion by H. H. Aultman was adopted which asked that K. R. Cofer study the proposed resolution and bring it back for further action by the Board before adjournment.

35. On motion of J. R. Davis, the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations and Salaries for the Baptist Record Advisory Committee was adopted:

W. Douglas Hudgins, Chairman, Purser Hewitt, Joe Abrams, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, J. H. Street.

36. The Associational Missions Committee was recognized and they presented a partial report. The adoption was delayed.

37. The report of the Committee on Baptist Record (Editorial, News, Circulation, Makeup) was received. After discussion and amendment, the report was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST RECORD  
(Editorial, News, Circulation, Make-Up)

Having studied the report in the Annual, we, your committee make the following report:

In regard to the editorial policy of the editor, we would like to commend the editor for his approach which is more of a journalistic than a theological nature. This manner of writing makes the editorials more popular and readable to the general public.

We commend the editor for the splendid promotional work in regard to the printing of the financial reports of the various churches.

We further commend the editor on space given to book reviews and suggest that as much space as is available be used to call attention to worthwhile new books which will be helpful to the workers in the various church organizations.

We heartily commend the editor for the most successful work done in increasing circulation. We call attention to the fact that of the 65,386 subscribers, 62,674 are in the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

We realize that these 900 churches make up more than half of the Baptist churches in the state. Therefore, we cannot expect as many new subscribers in the future as we have had in the past. We commend the Baptist Record Department for a work well done.

J. R. Reedy, Chairman, W. T. Douglas, C. S. Henderson, J. B. Middleton.

38. The report of the B. T. U. (Music) Committee was presented, and on motion of K. R. Cofer it was adopted.

## REPORT OF BAPTIST TRAINING UNION (MUSIC) COMMITTEE

In keeping with its practice of selecting a project each year to receive special emphasis, during this year the Baptist Training Union Department, under the capable leadership of Brother Auder J. Wilds, has emphasized the Demonstration Day Programs throughout the State of Mississippi. Singular success has attended this project. A D-Day program has been held in every one of the Associations of the State, and throughout the State more than 500 churches have sent 10,000, and more, people to attend the draw benefit from these programs.

Realizing that the Training Union has a program of Training important as well to those who are not enlisted in it as to those who are identified with it, the Training Union Department has participated in a number of enlargement campaigns during the year.

It has held the usual District Training Union meetings, the State Associational Training Union Officers' Clinic, and will hold the 1949 State Convention on December 29-30 at Jackson.

Increases are noted with thanksgiving in the number of study course awards made and in the number of Church Training Union organizations perfected during the year. It is a source of special interest that during each of the last six years there have been organized an average of 400 unions.

For the future—The Baptist Training Union Department plans the same program as outlined above for next year, with variations intended to promote the good and effectiveness of the work of the Department.

It was the first year (that just gone) during which the Music Department was a part of the Baptist Training Union Department, and excellent accomplishment is noted in that phase of the work.

This accomplishment may be briefly detailed as follows:

(1) Promotion of interest in singing and music generally on the level of the Baptist Training Union in the church, and within its framework. This emphasis has been lent through the encouragement of ensemble-singing, according means of contest on the District Convention level and in the Musical Festival phase of the State Training Union Convention.

(2) It has served as a clearing house whereby churches needing the services of musical leaders for revivals and teachers for musical study courses have been

brought in contact with teachers and leaders available for such service in those churches.

(3) It invited observers from a number of Associations at the organization of the Copiah County Music Association during the year, and considers the organization then perfected an excellent beginning from which many other similar associations will be launched throughout the State. It is believed that the Copiah Organization, after which others are now being patterned, serves well, also, to place emphasis upon music in the church that is fit for the church. It is predicted that it will accomplish a very needy purpose.

Brother Wilds has had as his able assistants, Mr. W. C. Morgan, Miss Alene Johnson, Miss Louise Hill, Miss Gladys Bryant, and Mrs. J. C. Greenoe. Mississippi Baptists can well rejoice over the spirit of work and helpfulness exhibited by Brother Wilds and them as they have gone about—without fanfare or ostentation—in the fine discharge of their task.

G. A. HALL, Chairman  
A. L. CHUMBLEY  
K. R. COFER

39. J. R. Davis moved that an organization committee be elected by the pre-convention Board to report to that Board meeting the committees which will report to the December meeting; and that vacancies in the Executive Committee be filled by nominations from the floor in the December Board meeting. Judson Chastain moved a division of the question, and both portions of the original motion were adopted.

40. The B. S. U. report was submitted and was adopted on motion of C. J. Smyly:

## B. S. U. Committee Report

During February, the department promoted a state-wide conference of the Student Secretaries. This was in conjunction with Mississippi Religious Education Association. On May a state-wide Youth Revival Clinic was conducted. About 200 Mississippi students went to Student Retreat at Ridgcrest in June. During April the State Retreat for B. S. U. Officers was held at the First Church, Jackson. During June, July and August about 100 Youth Revivals were conducted using about 100 students. Also during the summer many students were used in Mission work, especially in Vacation Bible School.

A state-wide pre-school retreat was held at Camp Garaywa with about 40 in attendance.

During October an outstanding State Convention was held at Mississippi College. The attendance was at least 1000.

We rejoice over the work done by our State Secretary, Half-time Office Secretary and the Local Secretaries during the past year. And we call on all our people to encourage this type of Mission work by praying for it, speaking words of commendation concerning it and continuing their gifts to the Co-operative Program from which it receives its support.

We recommend that the \$13,000 for Campus Work be allocated as follows:

1. Mississippi State	\$1,700.00
2. Ole Miss	1,700.00
3. Mississippi Southern	1,500.00
4. Delta State	1,200.00
5. M. S. C. W.	1,200.00
6. Pearl River Jr.	600.00
7. E. Central Jr.	600.00
8. Jones Jr.	600.00
9. Perkinson Jr.	600.00
10. Southwest Jr.	600.00
11. Sunflower Jr.	600.00
12. Blue Mountain	600.00
13. Mississippi College	600.00
14. Clarke College	600.00
15. Woman's College	300.00

\$13,000.00

Respectfully submitted,  
R. A. MORRIS, Chairman  
WAYNE ALLISTON  
J. D. RAY  
C. J. SMYLY

41. The report of the Committee on Radio was adopted on motion of Virgil Ratcliff:

## REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON RADIO

1. We have closed a very successful year of broadcasting. A broadcast has been made each Sunday.
2. The radio broadcast will be heard from 8:00 to 8:30 a. m. each Sunday in the future—over a network of larger stations, instead of the smaller stations.
3. Speakers are selected by a poll of pastors in the State and all policies are formulated from results of questionnaires sent to pastors.
4. More than 4000 persons have written in requesting that their names be placed on the noon-day prayer list.
5. We commend the Sacrificial Service of Chairman A. L. Gatewood of the Convention Radio Committee.

VIRGIL RATCLIFF, Chairman  
M. D. MORTON

42. A motion by Carey Cox prevailed that when the application of the Jackson County Association has been approved for an Associational Missionary that \$1200 be provided from Reserve and/or Surplus.

43. A motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of appreciation and love, expressing the prayerful desire of every member of the Board for his recovery, to W. G. Mize, Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage.

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## ACCORDING TO THE REPORT FROM

Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi placed ninth in total contributions to Southwide causes during the month of November. Mississippi's contributions amounted to \$28,272, of which \$2,570 was designated and \$25,701 was for the Co-operative Program.

FIRST CHURCH, BROOKHAVEN, DR. W. Landon Miller, pastor, has adopted a budget of \$80,000 for 1950. The 1949 budget totalled \$60,000. In the new budget, \$28,000 is for local work, \$40,000 is for missions and \$12,000 is for property upkeep, etc. Among the items in the budget are \$7,500 for pastor's salary, and an item of \$300 for pastor's car expenses. This plan should be followed by many other churches.



## That The Ministry Not Be Ashamed

(Condensation of an address made at Southwestern Seminary by Dr. Earl Guinn, associate professor of Preaching.)

A number of years ago George Buttrick described the preacher of his day as "an inoffensive little man jostled by the crowd, and wearing the expression of a startled rabbit. With one hand he holds a circular hat on a bewildered head and with the other desperately clutches an umbrella. The crowd pushes him from the sidewalk; the traffic shoots him back into the crowd."

Today the crowd is not so completely unaware of the preacher's presence. In fact, some who ignored the role of the preacher a decade ago are now calling upon him for help. This is due to their recognition of man's possession of destructive powers greater than his ability to discipline himself. The most disturbed men of this era are those whose scientific genius ushered it in. Their warnings as to what could happen to us sound like the speeches of Israel's ancient prophets. Thus the ministry is being called upon to give man information as to how great power can be employed for constructive ends. The preacher is being recognized as indispensable.

As W. T. Conner has put it, "It has come to pass again that men are not ashamed to be known as theologians." Our present fear is not of organic nature but human nature, not of atomic energy but human treachery. It has been pointed out that we have learned to fly through the air like birds and swim under the sea like fish. Now we need to learn to walk on the earth like men.

It is interesting to note that the groups that are today emphasizing the imminent return of Christ are the groups that are growing the fastest. Perhaps the greatest danger for Southern Baptists in the current millennial controversy is not that we shall split and become two or more distinct groups, making some view of the millennium a test of fellowship; nor is it that an attempt shall be made by some to escape social responsibility through the port hole of a grotesque eschatology. It is rather that the main body of our denominational life shall react against all groups who make a specific view of the millennium a key to understanding Scripture, and fail to give due emphasis to the doctrine of an imminent return.

Any legislation designed to outlaw that which endangers and degrades human personality should be encouraged. The ministry should lead the battle for social justice.

It is highly significant that these clamoring the loudest for social legislation are the very ones who have the least Gospel to preach. Their goal has been worthy but their means questionable. Higher criticism has dulled the cutting edge of their sword, and now they stand before the enemy afraid and cry for the Government to come to their rescue by performing their task for them. Feeling the chill of death approaching, they would sleep together in a common denominational bed and pull up the covers of Government in the hope of prolonging life.

Christianity stands or falls, lives or dies with its preaching. The modern preacher is so overwhelmed with priestly duties that he has little time for his prophetic function. Denomi-

## RA'S AT NEW PALESTINE CHURCH, PICAYUNE, SPONSOR FATHER-SON BANQUET



During R. A. Focus Week at New Palestine Church, a Father-Son Banquet was held in the pastatorium on Thursday, November 10. Rev. S. P. Powell was the after dinner speaker. Mrs. James Harrison is the R. A. counsellor, and Rev. Clyde Gordon is the pastor.

Pictured from left to right the boys are Larry Stockstill, Junior Buckley, Bobby Mitchell, Billy Gene Vickery, Harper Buckley, Glenn Dossett, Tommy Walker, Wayne Stockstill, Tommy Walker, Richard Gordon and Kent Mitchell, standing, Huey Stockstill, Don Vickery, Sonnie Carter, Marvin, Gordon, Cecil Becker, Douglas Smith, Richard Buckley and Gerald Dossett. Fathers standing left to right, are Messrs. Archie Dossett, Erwin Mitchell, Ralph Vickery, Lewis Bilbo, Rev. S. P. Powell,

Chester Smith, Layell Stockstill, Rob Stockstill, James Harrison, and Rev. Clyde Gordon. Also appearing in the picture is Mrs. James Harrison, counsellor.

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## WOULD REAFFIRM CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

At a Forum on "The Need and Opportunities for Religion in Business," September 14, 1949, in Boston, Mr. Edmond F. Wright, a prominent business leader and former Personnel Director of the United Nations Assembly under Trygve Lie, declared that the open antagonism of the communist delegates to Christianity demands that we of the United States reaffirm the Christian principles imbedded in our democracy or face the possibility of losing this heritage.

Mr. Wright, who is now Executive Assistant to the President of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company and a former dean of Harvard School of Business, spoke at an evening Forum of a conference of "The Church and Economic Life" at Harvard.

In connection with his assertion that we as a nation must reaffirm our national faith or lose it, Mr. Wright said he had heard recently of a plan of doing just that. Then he read slowly and distinctly to his audience the three sections of the Christian Amendment Resolution which is now before Congress:

(H. J. Res. 181, Sec. 1, This nation devoutly recognizes the Authority and Law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of nations, through Whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God.)

"This Resolution," Mr. Wright said, "is simple, straightforward and to the point; the qualifying sections are most fair to everyone. It is a rational statement of a basic tenet of our democracy. There is a need for a return to the point where we will take a stand on this issue. This amendment is a good step toward a return to national faith in God."

Mr. Wright has been active in the group which is urging that a Prayer Room be provided in the new UN Building and that a two-minute period of silence be authorized before each major session.

## Decade Sees Great Increase In Coverage Of Racial News

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—The past ten years have seen a marked improvement in the coverage of racial news by Southern newspapers, according to the report of the Southern Regional Council, which has headquarters here.

"The people of the region, through the news and editorial columns of their hometown papers, have been made immensely more concerned with all aspects of the so-called 'Negro problem.'"

"Ten years ago, it could be charged with some justice that most newspapers ignored the Negro, except for his crimes. Today that charge no longer holds. Successive court decisions affecting the Negro's status in politics and education; the President's appeal for a civil rights program and the controversy it has brought about; the impact on the national conscience of Negroes segregated in military

national promotion, church administration and pastoral counselling make such demands that there is little time and energy for the major task of preaching. A sermon borrowed a volume of the Broadman Press Saturday night will not set hearts on fire Sunday morning. The passing off of borrowed ideas as though they were the conviction of one's own soul is a form of hypocrisy. The ministry needs time to acquaint itself again with the word of God so as to be able to go before the people with "thus saith the Lord to me."

Effective preaching will be optimistic. Early Christian preaching was optimistic. It told of how God had broken into history in the Person of Jesus Christ, died for sin and defeated death, and finally returned to glory with a promise to gather His followers unto himself at the end of the age. In that hope Christianity went forward, overcoming enemies within and without.

So here we stand between two worlds—one dying, and the other aborning. This could be the Golden Age of preaching. It could be the occasion of the ministry's greatest shame.

## SALOON KEEPERS SEEK OUSTER OF MINISTER

LONDON—(RNS)—Saloon keepers in Durham have appealed to local police authorities to prevent the Rev. Ronald Gibbins, a young Methodist minister and leader of a "Back to Church" campaign from "interfering with our business."

Mr. Gibbins has been leading a team of young workers on visits to saloons, clubs, bus and cinema queues each Saturday night, distributing leaflets and inviting people to his Sunday services.

The saloon keepers gathered together and complained to the police that the minister's visits were likely to lead to breaches of the peace. They also passed a resolution at a meeting of their trade association recommending that Mr. Gibbins "be banned from our houses as he is likely to cause disorder and also interferes with our business."

Despite the objections, Mr. Gibbins is continuing his campaign.

service; the national and international publicity given lynchings and other racial incidents which used to be of exclusively sectional concern; the spectacular achievements of individual Negroes like Ralph Bunche and Alice Coachman—these trends and events have been news in the fullest sense of the word. No newspaper could ignore them and still pretend to be a newspaper.

"It should be said also that most Southern newspapers have reported the big events, the larger issues, in a fashion reasonably consistent with the best traditions of American journalism. News stories have been played straight. Editorials have been increasingly honest and calm in tone, if not always well-reasoned. When the newspapers have failed to give their readers the truth, it has been more often through omission than commission. It is a rare thing today to find among nonconventional newspapers of general circulation the kind of inflammatory writing that editors once thought to be in order at every moment of crisis between the races.



## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### DUMAS JOINS EF GROUP

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Dumas Church, Tippah County, into the growing number of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY PLAN of the Baptist Record. Recently a list of 30 names was received from the church treasurer, Mrs. Cecil Williams whose address is Dumas.

Tippah County now has Record readers listed as follows: Academy, 32; Blue Mountain, 147; Chalybeate, 52; Dumas, 30; Falkner, 90; Fellowship, 37; Graham's Chapel, 5; Harmony, 50; Macedonia, 1; Palmer, 24; Pine Grove, 31; Providence, 44; Ripley, 126; Tiptersville, 52; Walnut, 47; Concord, 9; Mt. Moriah, 3.

### McDONALD IS IN

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome on the EVERY FAMILY list McDonald Church in Neshoba County. At the recent meeting of the Neshoba County Association, the McDonald messengers realized their need of the Record and wanted to have it along with the other churches in the association, and took care of the matter at the association.

Record readers in Neshoba County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 2; Bethsaida, 6; Black Jack, 24; Bluff Springs, 1; Coldwater, 43; Dixon, 27; Emmanuel, 21; Hope 38; Laurel Hill, 13; Linwood, 46; McDonald, 13; Neshoba, 45; New Harmony, 28; New Hope 45; Oak Grove, 25; Philadelphia 278; Salem, 50; Sardis, 26; Spring Creek, 47; High Hill, 45; Beacon Street, 40.

### UNION, ALCORN, IS NUMBER 965

Union Baptist Church in Alcorn county is a recent addition to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY PLAN of the Baptist Record.

The list of 16 was sent by Mrs. W. T. Fuell whose address is Route 1, Rienzi. From now on the good Baptists of Union church are going to know more about what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

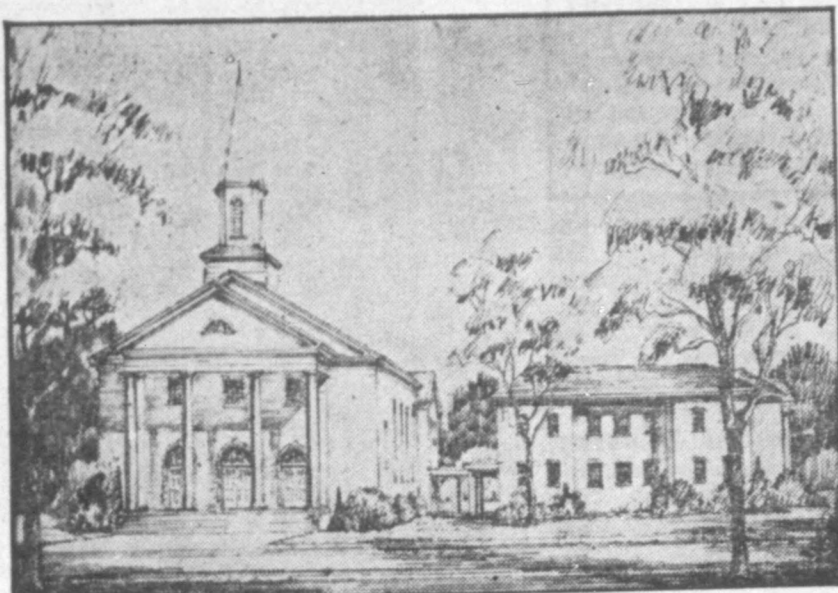
Record readers in Alcorn County are now listed as follows: Corinth, First, 16; Corinth, Tate St., 138; Glendale, 2; Hinkle Creek, 45; Holly, 2; Kemps Chapel, 1; Kossuth, 32; Lovejoy, 1; Mt. Hebron, 1; Rienzi, 44; Tishomingo Chapel, 1; West Corinth, 107; Union, 16; County Line, 2.

### HINZE CHURCH IS NO. 966

Rev. E. P. Keen, pastor of the Hinze Church in Winston County, believes in having an informed membership. He recently wrote that that church did not have any Record readers and therefore they were to be entered on the EVERY FAMILY plan. He sent a list of 12 names. From now on those good people are going to know about Baptist affairs in Mississippi and throughout the world.

Winston County Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch, 4; Bethel, 34; Calvary, 36; Crystal Ridge, 16; East Louisville, 38; Ellison Ridge, 59; Enon, 18; Evergreen, 61; Good Hope, 7; Harmony, 2; Hopewell, 13; Liberty, 13; Louisville, 328; Macedonia, 43; Murphey Creek, 79; Noxapater, 109; Poplar Flat, 16; Shiloh, 26; Dry Creek, 36; Hinze, 12.

## TYLERTOWN CHURCH



Shown at the left, is the architect's sketch of the proposed Tylertown Church. Also shown is the present structure as it will be when it is converted into an educational building. Rev. Ray F. Dykes is the pastor. The architect is Spain and Biggers.

### HONEST SUNDAY A SUCCESS Gifts, Attendance Increase

After months of preparation, First Church, New Albany, observed Honest Sunday on December 4. Results were gratifying. The contributions amounted to \$1557, as compared with the usual offering of approximately \$700.

During the weeks preceding HONEST SUNDAY, the pastor, Rev. J. R. Davis, preached on Stewardship. Prayer meeting talks were of the same nature.

The Sunday before HONEST SUNDAY every home of a resident member was visited. A letter was left in which the people were urged to do three things:

1. Be honest with God on HONEST SUNDAY;
2. Use HONEST SUNDAY for some helpful deed or act, such as visiting the sick, or lost, or unenlisted Baptists;
3. Bring a tithe of the week's income.

Not only was the offering far more than usual, but the attendance was also above the average.

The people were so happy over the day that at the close of the night service many waited around the church treasurer's office to find out the amount of the contributions for the day.

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### Lyon BTU Has Family Night

On November 30 approximately 140 members of the Lyon Training Union attended the midweek prayer service, followed by a social in each department.

The Family Night program was promoted by the Training Union leaders. Prayer service was led by the pastor, Rev. J. F. McCrary, basing his remarks upon the home and family, and the importance of fellowship among Christians.

Each union then met in its regular place, where leaders and social chairmen directed games. Immediately before refreshments were served, all groups assembled in the basement where a series of games and contests were enjoyed. An award was made to the largest family group present.

Guy R. Hurt, Training Union Director, gives credit for the success of this meeting to his staff of faithful and efficient assistants: Morgan Langston, General Secretary; A. B. Walker, Young People's Leader; Mrs. J. F. McCrary, Intermediate Leader, and Warren Tower, Junior Leader; Miss Ruth Seale, Story Hour Leader; Mrs. Guy Hurt, President of the Adult Union.

### TYLERTOWN CHURCH HAS HOMECOMING DAY NOV. 20 \$40,156 Now In Building Fund

Homecoming day was held at Tylertown Church on November 20, with emphasis on the expansion program which is being planned by the church. The offering to the Building Fund amounted to \$7,552, bring the total for the fund to \$40,156.

Rev. W. R. Cooper, of Jackson, former pastor, spoke in both morning and evening services. The ladies of the church prepared and served a delicious meal at the noon hour to the nearly 300 persons present, who enjoyed the fellowship hour together.

Early in 1950, when all the preliminary planning and bidding has been completed, the church will begin actual construction on the proposed building. Spain and Biggers of Jackson have presented the above drawing of the new building and of the present building, which is to be converted into an educational building.

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### Rev. J. O. Payne Leads In Revival At East Louisville

Rev. J. O. Payne, pastor of the Gallman and Pearl Valley churches, Copiah County, did the preaching in a revival at East Louisville Church November 27-Dec. 2. Mrs. James Bond led the singing and Mrs. Orah Shelton served as pianist. There were many re-dedications during the meeting.

At the close of the revival East Louisville gave the Rev. Mr. Payne a shower.

Rev. J. M. Bond is the pastor.

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### 20 ADDED IN REVIVAL AT 41ST AVE., MERIDIAN

Forty-first Avenue Church, Meridian, held a revival November 27-December 2, in which Dr. W. E. Green, Clarke College president, did the preaching, and Rev. Troy Prince, professor of Bible at Clarke led the singing.

The Clarke College chorus furnished the special music and one service and the Male Quartet were special guests at another service.

The services were broadcast each evening over radio station WMOX.

There were 20 additions to the church, 10 by baptism.

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**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS** for the first 11 months of 1949 total \$5,796,333.12, compared with \$5,486,261.08 for last year. Total receipts through the Executive Committee are \$8,822,705.85, compared with \$8,292,693.60 for last year.

## CHOIRS "UNITE" TO SING CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The combined choirs of Saltillo, Birmingham (Ridge) and Sherman Baptist Churches, Rev. C. E. Patch, pastor, and the choir of the First Baptist Church of Baldwin, Dr. Robert Palmer, pastor, will sing a Christmas Cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem," Stairs. The Cantata will be sung in each of the four churches: December 11, 7:15 p. m., Sherman, Mrs. Carl Shands, organist, Mrs. W. C. Sansom, pianist; December 18, Birmingham, 11 a. m., Mrs. Geneva Epting, Miss Janie Branyan, pianist; December 21, 7:15 p. m., Saltillo, Miss Janie Branyan, Mrs. Geneva Epting, pianists; December 25, 7:15 p. m., First Baptist Church, Baldwin, Mrs. W. C. Sansom, organist, Mrs. Carl Shands, pianist.

The eighty members of the four choirs cooperating in the singing of the Cantata cordially invite their friends to attend the church nearest them.

A unique feature in the singing of the Cantata will be the "solos" which will be sung by entire section. The baritones (basses) will be led by Dr. Palmer and Mr. Herman Irwin, Tenors by C. E. Patch, Jr., and Paul Mears, Altos by Mrs. Tom Gower, Miss Mary Tucker and Miss Betty McNutt, Sopranos by Miss Odell McCarthy, Miss Martha Corckran and Mrs. C. E. Patch, in singing the "solos."

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### America's Newest Assets

"Language is a great bar," said Mrs. Arvids Lidacis, an attractive young Latvian woman, who came here six months ago from a camp for Displaced Persons in Germany. She and her husband and six year old daughter now live in New Jersey. Language, however, is fast becoming less of a problem to her, and young Maya has become a real little American in these few months, and speaks English fluently.

She came in from school and told us about her work in the first grade. "Each day we learn to write a new word," she said. "Tomorrow we will write 'like.'"

Their apartment consisted of one room, with the use of a kitchen downstairs. The room, which contained beds fixed up as day couches, was neat and attractive. There were books and flowers.

At a large table in front of the window sat her husband reading an American newspaper. Mr. Lidacis said that there is to be a Latvian paper started soon in New York, for which he will translate articles from American newspapers. "Many of our people cannot read English," he explained.

Mr. and Mrs. Lidacis were both students in Latvia. He was studying to be an astronomer and she was training as a pharmacist. They fled from Latvia to Czechoslovakia and later from there into Germany, twelve days on foot, pushing the two year old baby in her carriage, and carrying a bag of clothes on their backs.

Mr. Lidacis had photographs of Camp Volka in Germany where they lived with 3500 DPs. In the early pictures were long army barracks in a state of dilapidation and dirt and huge masses of barbed wire. The place had been used as a concentration camp under Hitler. Later ones showed buildings cleaned and repaired by the DPs, and neat walks bordered with petunias and asters.



## Sparks & Splinters

ALL OFFICES IN THE BAPTIST Building will be closed Dec. 22-23, inclusive. Anyone having mail for any person who receives their mail at the Baptist Building or through P. O. Box 530, should write those people at their residential address. Otherwise they will not receive it until Dec. 29.

DR. HAROLD G. BASDEN, PASTOR of the Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, addressed the student body of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Thursday, Dec. 1. Dr. Basden was also a guest of honor, and speaker of the evening at a banquet of the Mississippi Club of the Seminary, held at the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Dec. 1. The Mississippi Club is composed of all Seminary students who live, or have lived, in Mississippi.

**CHURCH SECRETARY AVAILABLE:** Mrs. H. H. Crisman offers her services to the churches of Mississippi as church secretary. She has studied at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, and the Laurel Business College. She has been active for the past ten years in churches around Hattiesburg and Columbus, Miss. She is an enthusiastic Young People's Leader and W.M.U. worker. Churches desiring to contact Mrs. Crisman write to 1001 Front Street, Laurel, Miss.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, McComb, Mississippi,** Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor, has placed Clarke College in its budget in a large way for 1950. \$2500 memorializes a suite of rooms in the new girls dormitory, and First Church, McComb, adopted a suite. This is the third church in Mississippi to take a suite of rooms, and twenty one other churches, associations or individuals are challenged to follow in their train. A new girls dormitory is one of the major needs at Clarke College.

**CHELSEA, MASS. —(RNS)—** JEWISH children are made "unhappy" when other public school pupils sing Christmas carols or present Christmas pageants, according to a protest made to the Chelsea school board by Jewish families. "My son is unhappy when his classmates ask him why he doesn't join in singing carols," Mrs. Abraham Wolper said in presenting the protest, signed by a number of Jewish parents. Mrs. Wolper suggested that public school children sing tunes having no religious connotations, like "Jingle Bells."

## Telegram

EDITOR THE BAPTIST RECORD, Baptist Bldg., Jackson, Miss. Arrangements made New Orleans relief center to remain open through February need for release supplies in certain area of war zones still desperate. Please urge Southern Baptist to continue largest possible shipments of food and clothing to relief center.—

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Jasper County Associational meeting, which met at the Union Seminary Church. Especially helpful is the map of the county which is on the back cover, showing the roads and churches in the association.

THE BAPTIST RECORD GREATLY appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from New Life Church, Tallahatchie County. They were sent by Joe Tribble, Route 2, Cascilla.

**FRIENDS OF W. G. MIZE, SR.,** Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage will be glad to learn that he is improving at the Baptist Hospital, where he has been a patient for about three weeks. Mr. Mize suffered a heart attack but is much better now and has not required the use of an oxygen tent for several days. He asked the Baptist Record to emphasize the fact that anyone who failed to make an offering at the Thanksgiving season do so and it will be received with thanks. Goods will be transported free by the railroad.

**TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT** IN Southern Baptist churches has shown a 14 per cent gain during the year to reach 1,228,055, according to a tentative tabulation released by the Department of Survey and Statistics. States reporting a gain of 20 per cent or more include Virginia, Kansas, California, and Arizona.

**AMONG RECENT VISITORS** IN THE office of The Baptist Record were: Rev. John B. Laney, Booneville; Rev. G. E. Wells, Natalbany, La.; W. J. Shoemaker, Bay Springs; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. Earl Brooks, Hopewell; Dr. L. E. Barton, Montgomery, Ala.; Dr. David Q. Byrd, Meridian; Rev. Montie A. Davis, Brandon; Rev. A. E. Lucas, Belzoni; Rev. J. A. Cloud, LaBlanca, Texas.

**A SAMPLE POLL** OF SOUTHERN Baptist ministers made by the California Baptist Convention committee to determine if a majority still wanted to have the convention in San Francisco in 1951 reveals that 64 per cent favor the meeting there, 30 per cent are opposed, and 6 per cent have not decided. The returns on the poll were tabulated by the Department of Survey and Statistics.



From left to right: Mrs. C. L. Parchman, Miss Ruth Calvert, Mrs. Louis D. Marks, and Miss Frances Calvert, who compose the Bellevue Quartette.

## HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Speaker—Dr. Robert G. Lee.

December 18—subject: "The Meaning of Christmas."

Stations in Mississippi

At 2:30 p. m. Sundays: WSLI, Jackson; WTOK, Meridian; at 3 p. m. over WROF, Hattiesburg, and at 4 p. m. over WGCM, Gulfport.

The Radio ministry of Southern Baptists is carried on solely through individual voluntary contributions, mailed to THE BAPTIST HOUR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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The famous Women's Quartette of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis,

Tennessee, will be featured on the Baptist Hour broadcast of December 18. This will be their third appearance on the Year-Round Baptist Hour. They were heard on the programs of October 16 and November 20.

The group consists of Mrs. C. L. Parchman, first soprano; Miss Ruth Calvert, second soprano; Mrs. Louis D. Marks, first alto; and Miss Frances Calvert, second alto.

Just before Dr. Lee's message, the quartette will present a special arrangement of Franz Gruber's "Silent Night."

**IF YOU HAVE NOT COUNTED** LATELY, the Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The word "Lord" appears 1855 times, the word "and" 4,627 times.

**DUE TO THE SIMULTANEOUS** CRUSADE west of the Mississippi River, several independent evangelists who have unusual ability and great power with God and man, as well as evangelistic singers, will not be kept busy in the State of Texas during 1950. The State Evangelistic Department has these names in their files. In planning your revival, if you desire a recommendation, please contact by mail, phone, or telegram Dr. C. Wade Freeman, Superintendent of Evangelism, 10 Baptist Building, Dallas 1, Texas.

**CAIRO—(RNS)—EGYPT'S** MINISTRY of Education has sent Vatican authorities a note explaining a new government order requiring private schools, including Roman Catholic and Protestant mission institutions, to teach the Koran to their Moslem students. The note was sent in response to a Vatican request for more details of the order, which has brought protests from Catholic and Protestant educators here. Under the Ministry's order, the private schools must, besides providing for the teaching of the Moslem religion to their Moslem students, set up special places of worship for them, as is done in the case of Christian students. Moslems make up a large percentage of the student bodies.

**GOSS BTU WON THE EFFICIENCY** banner at the Marion Mass Meeting at Foxworth Church, with an average grade of 72.—Rev. Hiram Barefoot, pastor.

## STORIES for YOUTH

## featuring CRIPPLE TOM



Sketched by Elmer Peterfen

The Christian Education Co. Highland 111



TOM NEVER KNEW IF HIS BIBLE VERSES WERE BEING PICKED UP, BUT HE PRAYED THAT SOME DAY, SOMEONE WOULD BE HELPED BY THEM.

ONE DAY A WELL DRESSED MAN PASSED BY "CRIPPLE TOM'S" HOUSE AND A "NOTE" FLUTTERED BY HIS FACE.



THESE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES SEEM TO BE COMING FROM THAT LITTLE WINDOW UP THERE. I WOULD SURE LIKE TO TALK TO THE PERSON WHO IS DOING THIS GOOD WORK.



SO... YOU ARE THE LAD WHO DROPS THOSE BIBLE VERSES FROM THE WINDOW ARE YOU? I PICKED ONE UP AND GOD HAS BLESSED IT TO MY SOUL.



ARE YOU HAPPY IN THIS WORK?

I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER, SIR. I DON'T MIND THE PAIN WHEN I'M WORKING ON THESE TEXTS. I SUPPOSE YOU GET MANY CHANCES TO SERVE HIM, DON'T YOU, SIR?



YES... SON, BUT I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT I HAVE NOT USED THEM..... I WAS ASHAMED WHEN YOUR TEXT FELT PAST MY FACE. THIS NIGHT WITH THE WORDS, "I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM THAT SENT ME WHILE IT IS DAY, FOR THE NIGHT COMETH WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK."



**A PLAY ON STEWARD-**ship, entitled "Giving Inn" was presented at Siloam Church, Simpson County, by the members of the Training Union. Nineteen members performed before a large crowd. This is one of many which have been presented in the church, marking the progress of a growing and progressive Training Union under the direction of Mrs. Mary V. Gray.

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**ONE YEAR AGO** CHURCH World Service released a film strip specially prepared for children ages eight to twelve years. "Children Can Help Too" was somewhat of a trial balloon. After a year's extensive use in churches throughout the United States, its supply has been completely exhausted. This 49 frame film strip, with script, will be released on December first and may be purchased for \$1.00. Write to Church World Service, Audio-Visual Department, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N. Y.



## BETTER WRITERS FOR BETTER BAPTIST PAPERS

By G. S. DOBBINS

Professor Church Administration and Religious Education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

That the health and growth of the denomination depends in large measure on our state papers is evident to any student of our Baptist life. What circulation is to the human body, these papers are to our Baptist body. How to make them maximally valuable is an ever present problem.

The dictionary defines an editor as "one who superintends, revises, corrects, and prepares a newspaper for publication." The editor's first business is not to write editorials but to secure and edit materials from others.

Obviously much that comes in to the editor of a religious paper is not, in the form in which it is received, "fit to print." Some of it may have no place in a religious journal; much of it must be virtually re-written before it reaches the standard set by a conscientious editor.

May not the editor lay some of the blame for his difficulties on the seminaries? In every seminary heavy stress is laid on teaching students to preach, but traditionally little has been done to teach them to write for the denominational press. Growing realization of this neglect and need has led to the instituting of a course in Southern Seminary listed in the catalogue as "The Ministry of Writing." The goal is the development of writers with skill and purpose whose preaching and teaching ministries will be supplemented by equally effective writing ministries.

A recent assignment in this course called for comparative study and evaluation of the papers which make up our Southern Baptist press. An objective rating scale was devised, consisting of the following tests: (1) physical appearance, (2) editorial skill, (3) reader appeal, (4) constructive purpose, (5) quality of contributed articles, (6) quality and variety of materials, (7) amount and appropriateness of advertising. Results of the study may be thus summarized:

1. Our Baptist editors are experiencing grace difficulty in maintaining high journalistic standards for obvious economic reason—mounting costs without correspondingly increased income.
2. The trend of some of the papers seems to be too much in the direction of becoming "denominational bulletins," organs for promotion of denominational interests and institutions. "Reader appeal" was often rated low.
3. High quality of editorials often stood in strong contrast to poor quality of contributed articles. It would seem that many of those who could write best are not being induced to write.
4. Quantity and variety of high-grade contributed articles had to be rated for some of the papers as "medium to low."
5. There urgently needs to be a widespread revival of concern for our Baptist papers, expressing itself in deeper appreciation of their function, and greater willingness and ability to write for their pages.

All together, we ought to realize our sense of partnership with our Baptist editors, aiding them not only to secure more readers but to attract more and better writers.

## Hattiesburg, First Calls Clyde Bryan As Pastor To Begin Duties On Jan. 1



REV. CLYDE C. BRYAN

Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, pastor of the First Church, Gallatin, Tennessee, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Hattiesburg, and will assume his duties on January 1.

Mr. Bryan, a native of McMinnville, Tenn., is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and received his Master of Theology from the Southern Seminary in Louisville. He has served as pastor of Concord (Tenn.) Church and Bolivar (Tenn.) church and will come to Mississippi from the First Church in Gallatin, where he has served since 1945.

Mr. Bryan holds many positions of responsibility in Baptist work in Tennessee. He has served on the State Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist convention, is at present a trustee of Cumberland university, a school recently acquired by Baptists, and of the Tennessee Baptist paper, and also is on the Southern Baptist Convention Commission of the American Seminary.

Mrs. Bryan, formerly Josephine Scruggs of Sweetwater, Tennessee, is a graduate of Shorter college. She is talented in music, voice and organ. They have two children, a daughter, age five, and a son, two. It is anticipated that the planning and construction of the new First Baptist building will be given priority during the ensuing pastorate. The church has secured a building site at West Pine street and Second Avenue.

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## DUKE K. McCALL TRAVELS 4,460 MILES DURING FOUR WEEK TOUR IN WEST

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the S. B. C. Executive Committee, appeared hale and hearty despite a strenuous four week tour climaxed with four speeches in four states in three days. His travel notes told this story:

Between the time he stepped off a plane in Santa Fe, N. Mex., and boarded another in Phoenix, Ark., to return to Nashville, he had traveled 4,460 miles by car. Among other things, he attended the annual Baptist conventions of New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Oregon; attended to business matters relative to establishing a Western assembly at Glorieta, the Golden Gate Seminary, and the 1951 S. B. C. meeting to be held in San Francisco; and visited a number of home mission projects, particularly Indian missions.

## NORTH CAROLINA BUYS SEASIDE ASSEMBLY; VOTES 50-50 CO-OP PROGRAM DIVISION

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, meeting in Raleigh, voted to purchase the Fort Caswell property for \$86,000 to be used as a seaside assembly and the continuation of a 50-50 division of Cooperative Program funds between state and South-wide objects.

Messengers voted to re-emphasize the Christian home, to stress Christian citizenship, to improve relations with industry by emphasizing the fact that both labor and management should be made to feel they have a friend in the church, to face fairly and honestly the fact in regard to racial and minority groups.

F. O. Mixon, Raleigh, was re-elected president.

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### MRS. JOHN L. TAYLOR

Whereas, God in His wisdom has called Mrs. John L. Taylor from the walks of man into the realm of His glory; and

Whereas, we, the deacons of the First Baptist Church assembled, intensely feel the loss to the bereaved family and friends, to the Baptist Church and to the community as a whole; and

Whereas, we have lost one of our most earnest, sincere and faithful workers; and

Whereas, her life was one of the most outstanding exemplifications of Christianity, both by precept and example, a life for us to emulate; and

Whereas, an added light has been placed in the windows of Heaven to beacon us on.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we extend to the bereaved husband and family our profound sympathy;

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family, one copy each to The Baptist Record and The Webster Progress for publication and a copy be spread on the Church Minutes.

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C. E. CARROLL

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DR. S. E. WOODSON, PASTOR OF First Church, Columbus, has been elected president of the Lowndes County Ministerial Association. Rev. K. Z. Stevens, pastor of East End Church, has been chosen vice-president.

## BAPTISTS REJECT PUBLIC FUNDS FOR INSTITUTIONS

EL PASO, Tex.—(RNS)—The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas adopted a report here urging its nine schools and five hospitals to shun federal or state aid.

Following the Board's action, Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary, disclosed that the Valley Baptist Hospital at Harlingen recently abandoned a request to the federal government for money.

Dr. Williams explained that the hospital was to have raised \$500,000 and the government was to provide \$274,000 for expansion. He said trustees called off the campaign after deciding that federal aid would be a violation of the Baptist position on the separation of Church and State.

In order that some of the proposed expansion might be carried out, the Executive Board voted to guarantee the Harlingen Hospital \$100,000 for the next four years if the hospital raised \$138,000 itself.

Dr. Williams told reporters that five Baptist hospitals in the South, three of which are in Texas, had been offered Federal aid in various amounts.

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IN THE ISSUE OF DECEMBER 3 AN article appeared on page 10 concerning the organization of a W.M.S. at Choctaw Church. It should have been French Camp Church, Rev. C. F. Anglin, pastor.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By BRACEY CAMPBELL

December 18. THE GOD OF THE WHOLE EARTH. Texts: Is. 7:14; Jer. 29:31; Luke 1.

### I. ONE UNIVERSAL CUSTOM

This is the universal observance of the birthday of Jesus. Individual nations of people have their national noted dates and holidays, and special students know their significance. A few people know what occurred in ancient Rome on the Ides of March.

Many Frenchmen may be presumed to know the meaning to them of the fourteenth of July, while some Englishmen have remembered from their schoolbooks that something of special interest to their countrymen of that period occurred at Hastings in 1066; and Americans of these United States know something of a noteworthy event which took place on July 4, sometime or other. But here now is the day the importance of which is known beneath a hundred flags to people of a thousand tongues. And why the difference?

The Day is of significance to all people that on earth do dwell and all people so recognize it. And as lightly as many may regard it and faultily as many may observe it, of hundreds of millions it is the day, the Holy Day, on which the Christ of God was born a man to become man's high priest in things pertaining to God. So may we keep the day holy in memory that out of unmerited love for us He came to set us free from the bondage of sin and rescue us from death.

### II. WHO KEEPS WATCH ABOVE HIS OWN

Jer. 29:1

These of His away in Babylon have left Jerusalem far behind, yet He speaks His word to them that He cares for them and expects them where they are to hear and heed His word. Be warned, my brother, He knows where you are and what you are about. He comforted, my brother. He knows where you are too. You may not know where you are, may be lost and benighted, but all places are in His presence and all darkness is light to Him. Nay, with Him is no variableness nor shadow cast by turning. In your time of trouble He is there and His word is, "Let not your heart be troubled." In your hour of loneliness He is there, and His word to you is, "Fear not; I am with thee." When pretended friends desert you and flee, He is steadfast to say, "I will never leave thee nor forsake."

### III. SOVEREIGN OVER THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR

Jer. 29:46

Work! Thank God for it! Through work men grow into greater strength and become worthy of a place in the world God made. The weakling grows into strength through work. Every individual and every household grows through work or shrivels for lack of it. Nothing worthy is accomplished by a man or a million without work. "Build ye houses." That's right!

Houses are needed for people to live in, so that living in them they may the better serve God. "And dwell in them." Of course! The man who labors has a right to a place to stay, and his resting place will be as he builds it. Read that last one again. "Plant gardens and eat the fruit of them." Here is the process by which Jehovah my Shepherd, "Maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Take ye wives and raise up children to bless the name of the parents who have taught them to know God, have made them homes in which to grow Godly in their living.

### IV. COMMANDER OF THE PEACE

Jer. 29:7

When will this sad world learn the les-

### Mantee Bldg. Fund Grows

On November 27 Mantee Church raised more than \$3,000 to add to the building fund which already contained \$7,725, making a total of \$10,733.

The building committee has been appointed as follows: Jim Scott, chairman; S. C. Gullette, Leonard Scott, Sr., John Guyton, Owen Johnson, and V. F. Griffin. The committee is working on the selection of plans for the proposed building; the plans are according to recommendations of the Architect Department of the Sunday School Board.

Rev. Stanley J. Smith is the pastor.

### Roane Ordained At Antioch

On November 26 V. Buren Roane was ordained to the full ministry of the gospel by Antioch Church in Calhoun Association.

Rev. S. E. Carter preached the ordination sermon. Charges were given to both the candidate and to the church by Rev. J. B. Middleton, and Rev. Leslie E. Roane presented the Bible.

Mr. Roane is a student at Clarke College, as is his brother, Rev. Buford Roane, who was present at the ordination.

THE CHURCHMAN REPORTS THAT the Economic Cooperation Administration has authorized the allocation of \$2,850,000 from the counterpart lire fund to provide accommodations for Holy Year Pilgrims going to Rome in 1950. (Editor's Note: It is not the duty of American citizens to help promote this Catholic affair.)

son that the King of Love is the giver of peace? It can never come to the world from a council board around which sits a God-denying, God-defying group of devil-deluded self-seekers bent only on having their own way in everything and willing to see the world a-welter in a sea of blood rather than lend their efforts to the cause of righteousness in the world? Any one of us may have peace in his own heart, any family may have it, any community, any state, the world of any day, if only God shall have the prominence.

### V. WHOM MEN SHOULD AVOID

Jer. 29:8, 9

They are always about, these men who take counsel without Jehovah and give their word out as His. By the quality of what they say may you determine their personal qualities, whether they are fit or unfit to speak for God. By their words shall they be justified and by their words shall they be condemned; and by your heed or lack of heed to their words shall you either fall or stand. If prophets speak not the word of truth, avoid them?

### VI. TO WHOM HE WILL COME IN PEACE

Jer. 29:10

His coming may appear to you to be long delayed, but be sure He is coming to serve you. Tarry ye where He has set you and perform His work till you hear His voice. It matters not how long the watch, know that he will come at the end.

### VII. OF WHOM HE WILL BE FOUND

Jer. 29:12, 13

Come! Call upon Me. I am waiting for you. When you call I will hear, and every time you call. Your call shall never go unheeded: your prayer shall never go unanswered. You never shall be denied! When you look for Me, I will be found by you, and then may you abide with me as the first disciples abode with their Lord when first they found Him.

### Holly Springs, Lincoln Co., Has Full-Time Program

The Holly Springs Baptist Church of Lincoln County has recently gone on a full time program. Since that time, the Lord has blessed the work in a marvelous way.

Attendance in all the services has improved, and the church recently purchased new pews and a butane heating system.

The pastor, Rev. Carl B. Case, is in school at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

### Chinese Christian Schools Restricted By Communists

SHANGHAI — (RNS) — China's Christian middle schools (the equivalent of American high schools) faced crucial tests as they reopened for a new academic year.

During the summer, teachers attended "indoctrination courses" explaining the principles of the Communist "New Democracy." In one case at least, a teacher who did not attend the course has not been permitted to resume her teaching activities.

In some cases, authorities have placed their own teacher on the school payroll. In other instances, teachers already on the staff who have revealed their sympathies with Communism will teach the course.

The Kuomintang banned Bible study as a required course in the nineteen-thirties. Communist authorities have gone a step farther and banned Bible study altogether as a part of the curriculum. However, they have not interfered with such study on a voluntary basis after school hours.

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## WHY SO MANY CHURCH MEMBERS STRAY

By WILLIAM JAMES ROBINSON

Many churches have "padded" membership rolls. One deacon, a very devoted Christian, told me that his church roll carried 2,500 names and that they could not depend on 800 to help carry on the work of the church. Less than 600 attended Sunday school. Many members of this church were not bearing "much fruit." Accordingly, the pastor who preaches to one third as many persons as there are names on his church roll has an average congregation. Only one-half of the adults in an average church give creditably. There is a reason, a cause, for this falling away.

Many pastors put very little stress on the fact that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

Many urge their hearers with such appeals as "Take Jesus as your Saviour" or "give your heart to Jesus," and ignore the work of the Holy Spirit in the salvation of souls.

### Many Unsaved

They do not demand that one must be convicted of sin; neither do they urge upon their hearers "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Unless one has a profound consciousness (conviction) of sin that moves him to genuine repentance toward God and a firm reliance upon the Lord Jesus Christ, there is no salvation for him. The best evidence one can have that he has been "born again" and adopted into the family of God is that whereas he was once miserable he now has "the peace of God that passeth understanding."

Nothing short of this experience that brings consciousness of having been a great sinner and having found a great Saviour will produce great Christian character and conduct.

Since many church members have not had an experience of grace, such as I have described, it is possible that many of our church members are not saved. On one occasion when Jesus preached strong doctrines "many of his disciples walked no more with him" (John 6:66). Speaking of another falling away John said "they went out from us but they were not of us" (I John 2:19). These passages support my conclusion that many church members are not saved.

### Bad Example Of Members

The bad example of some prominent church members cause some to fall away. I once knew two very admirable men, who were very influential in their church, who would take their wives to prayer meeting and then go to one's home and play cards until the service at the church was over; Sunday morning they were conspicuous for their activities in the church service. This chilled the spirituality of many weak members of the church.

New born souls are "babes in Christ" and need nurturing. In many instances they do not get it, and fall away for lack of helpfulness. Spiritually-minded Christians should gladly watch over such cases.

Others fall away because they are not impressed with the seriousness of church membership. It is so easy to join a church that it seems a small matter to many.

### Now For Remedies

Pastors need to stress with serious earnestness, fervor, tenderness and persistence "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" that produces a "new creation

in Christ Jesus" (Heb. 10:24, 26). The importance of attending upon and participating in the services of the church can scarcely be over emphasized.

Truly godly exemplary deacons can do much by carefully, tenderly and lovingly watching over careless members. Sunday school teachers should earnestly strive to have their pupils in attendance on the services of worship as they are to have them in the class; yea, even more.

Inferior preaching, preaching that neglects basic doctrines, will produce inferior church members and mar those who are sincerely striving to live to the glory of God.

God give us pastors and teachers who are truly zealous for the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

## Greek Gov't. Sets Salary Scale For Priests

ATHENS—(RNS)—Greek Orthodox clergymen will receive salaries ranging from \$18.50 to \$25 a month, according to a schedule approved by the Ministers of Finance and Education here.

All priests will be classified in four salary categories under the arrangement. An extra allowance of five to 50 per cent of the basic monthly pay will go to priests having family obligations.

Announcement of the government decision was made by Minister of Education and Cults Tsatsos, who said it was "a basic step for the uplift of the Greek Orthodox clergy and for the advancement of the great mission of our Orthodox Church."

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## "Babies Of Distinction"

By HUGH A. BRIMM

It is utterly impossible, at times, to comprehend the depth of human depravity. This is especially true where the manufacturers and users of alcoholic beverages are concerned.

The latest "unbelievable" item comes from a Massachusetts newspaper:

"A beer manufacturer is promoting the sale of a beverage with a low alcoholic content for children. With this exception, its package, label, etc., closely resemble real beer in every respect."

The laws of the state are powerless to stop such an unprincipled attack on the gullible "small fry" who think it's smart to imitate their elders, and who will welcome every opportunity to do so.

These who would "debauch the cradle" can be expected at any moment now to begin a series of advertisements featuring "Babies of Distinction" who have recently switched to "Belch's Beer."

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## "I Like It," Says Missionary After 28 Years In Nigeria

FORT WORTH, Tex.—(BP)—"I like teaching the natives of Africa, and I feel that's where God wants me to be," says Miss May Perry, small, soft-spoken Southern Baptist missionary to Africa for 28 years, now in this country on her sixth furlough. She teaches in a school for girls and is now at Southwestern Baptist Seminary here brushing up on her teaching technique.

A native of Georgia, Miss Perry's African community is a tiny settlement of mud houses and thatched roofs called Abeokuta, 65 miles from civilization, in Nigeria. About the size of Texas and Oklahoma, Nigeria has a population of about 22,000,000 Negroes and 5,000 whites.

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## RURAL CHURCH EXTENDS AN "EVANGELISTIC ARM"

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—(BP)—The Jamestown vicinity of America's first English settlement now boasts one of the most active rural churches in the South. It is the 46-year-old James River Baptist Church that maintains two meeting houses, five miles apart.

The church itself is located deep in the woods, seven miles northwest of Jamestown Island. Within the past two years a new \$41,000 auditorium and educational building has been erected, completed with carpeted floors, oak pews and electric organ. The congregation meets in this building for all daytime services.

The second building for night services is five miles away and is called the "evangelistic arm" of the church. It grew out of a tent revival sponsored by the church two years ago. The cinder block building seats 400 and is equipped with latest type opera chairs, hot air furnace, and pastor's study.

Since beginning its "evangelistic arm" this country church has received 125 new members, 5 for baptism. Per capita gifts last year were \$87.24.

Rev. Jesse Bowman, formerly a business man of Richmond, has been pastor of the church since 1942. The church recently completed a revival with Rev. Percy Ray, Myrtle, Miss., doing the preaching.



## "WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF...."

A few days ago a young man of Washington, D. C., enclosed in a personal letter a mimeographed page containing some startling information concerning a group of eight of the most successful financiers in America 25 years ago. It is interesting to note that this information about men of wealth was collected by a millionaire by the name of Lurie, from San Francisco.

We were interested to observe that the young business man who sent the information, added the footnote, "What shall it profit a man if...?"

But here is the startling statement and tragic facts prepared by the millionaire:

In 1923, a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach hotel in Chicago. Present were:

The president of the largest independent steel company.

The president of the largest utility company.

The greatest wheat speculator.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange.

A member of the President's cabinet.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly.

Collectively, these tycoons controlled more wealth than there was in the United States Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples. Twenty-five years later, let's see what happened to these men.

The president of the largest independent steel company, Charles Schwab, lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life, and died broke.

The president of the largest utility company, Samuel Insull, died broke, and in semi-disgrace.

The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cullen, died abroad, insolvent.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange, Rich Whitney, was recently released from Sing Sing.

The member of the President's cabinet, Albert Fall, was pardoned from prison so he could die at home.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street, Jesse Livermore, committed suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements, Leon Frazier, committed suicide.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly, Ivar Krueger, committed suicide.

All of these men had learned how to make money, but not one of them had learned how to live.

"What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).—The Baptist Standard (Texas).

## Ten Commandments For Deacons

By JAMES W. BROWN

Pastor, First Church, Flier, Idaho

Thou shalt not assert thine authority. Remember the meaning of deacon.

Thou shalt not miss prayer meeting. Your particular service is in the spiritual realm. You need the prayer meeting for your own spiritual progress.

Thou shalt not criticize thy pastor nor thy pastor's wife nor thy pastor's son nor thy pastor's daughter, nor thy pastor's way of doing things nor anything that is thy pastor's. Deacons are helpers and criticizing doesn't help.

Thou shalt not bear witness. Deacons and their pastor often have to speak confidentially. It doesn't help when this confidence is betrayed.

Thou shalt not gossip. Thou shalt not repeat true gossip and thou shalt not repeat false gossip. Deacons are helpers and gossiping doesn't help.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain as some Christians do. In you it is an even greater reproach.

Thou shalt not seek honor for thyself. Servants don't seek honor. "In honor preferring one another."

Thou shalt not enter any conspiracy. Some church members try to win issues in the church by political maneuvering. You will take every matter to the Lord.

Thou shalt not be greedy after money. Deacons are an example to others in liberality and in their cheerfulness in giving. They are first to testify to the blessing in tithing and are exemplary in all their dealings.

Thou shalt not neglect the poor, no matter why they are poor, but shall help all such with thine own alms and with the alms of the church. —The Church Leader.

—BR—

## LET'S RE-REMEMBER HIM

By REV. O. B. RENICK

"Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, For I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22.

To roll back the curtains of time and give diligent heed to the resounding messages of the yester years is to hear our brother of by-gone years in his Proclamation of God's only hope for a lost world. Many have been the times when a faithful servant of the past has proven himself a tireless laborer together with God. The heat of the long summer day and the cold blasts of rain, sleet and snow in winter challenged his faithfulness to God and His cause. Being undaunted by every obstacle in his pathway, he rather made them stepping stones to an ever broadening ministry to his people in his day. May his courage and his integrity be an inspiration to every well-spring of Christian endeavor.

During the recent session of Mississippi Baptist Convention I was led to feel that we should remember today these faithful servants of the past for what they were on yesterday. In the auditorium of First Church, Jackson, I sat back of two elderly men who were in conversation.

One turned to the other and asked, "Are you preaching any now?" Being attracted by the delay in answer, I listened attentively to hear these words as they came in reply, "When I get a chance." I could not withhold

## Court Declines To Settle Religious Disputes

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(RNS)—The Alabama State Supreme Court has ruled that the court is no place to settle religious disputes.

Refusing to step into lawsuits growing out of disagreements among members of two Alabama churches, the high tribunal agreed with the lower courts that the issues raised could not properly be settled in the courts.

One trial judge, W. W. Rayburn, observed in rendering his judgment:

"This court and no other court in Alabama can say who is right in doctrinal belief and I believe all of them (parties to the suit) ought to spend more time on their knees than in court."

The two suits involved the Church of God of the New Protestant in one community and the Primitive Baptist church in another.

D. M. Holt, a former pastor of the Church of God, petitioned for an injunction to keep Grady Scott, assistant pastor, and members of the congregation from using the church. He contended that they had departed from the fundamental tenets and practices of the church as prescribed in the "Articles of Faith."

Justice Robert T. Simpson, who wrote the opinion, said: "It is manifest that this is purely a doctrinal dispute which the court could not and should not attempt to resolve. It is typically a matter for resolution within the society and one on which the civil law should lay no hand."

In the other suit, R. F. Copeland and J. P. Copeland, ousted members from the Primitive Baptist church, seeking reinstatement, averred they were "the true doctrinaires of the Primitive Baptist faith."

In regard to this suit, Justice Simpson said the guiding rule is that courts will not interfere with factional differences arising in an ecclesiastical body unless it clearly appears that there is an attempt to transfer the church property to another denomination or its use to a group radically opposed to the "distinctive doctrines" of the church.

tears as I thought of that man in the reminiscent moments of his life. After having fought a good fight, after having kept the faith, after having reached the years that took him out of the active pastorate, his heart must burn within him to cry out again, "Look unto me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth; for I am God and there is none else."

I thought, too, that it would meet with his approval if we as pastors would extend to him an opportunity to stand again in God's sacred stand and proclaim the undying message of Jesus and his love.

Try it sometime, brother pastor, you might help brighten the pathway of this faithful servant of the past who walks today in the midst of lengthening shadows.

There was a time when he was young, Full of the vigor and zest of life But the battle against sin has to be fought,

So he gave himself in that strife. No more can he serve as in yester-years,

He's weakening in body and limb, But he'll ever be grateful to us, dear friends,

If we'll re-remember him.